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A "New York Post" editorial yesterday called on the United States to declare war immediately against Germany.

"The United States in fact is already in the war... we are in the war because we stand fatefully in the path of a war-maker bent on world conquest to whom our very existence in freedom is a taunt."

"OUR FORTUNE AS A NATION DEPENDS, AND WE SEE NOW THAT IT DEPENDS FROM THE START, ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS WAR."

"We have no choice to-day between war and peace. We cannot choose immunity for ourselves from the common destruction."

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We Must Fight

"This war is our war, the Nazi regime is our enemy. Since this is our war we must fight."

"There is no honesty in asking the British to give their lives while we only supply the tools."

"America's entry into the war would 'circle out as a tidal wave to the ends of the earth,' said the newspaper.—Reuter."

OSLO STREET BATTLE

Violent street fighting is reported in Oslo in a Stockholm press despatch reaching London.

Origin of the dispute is stated to be the assembly of a large crowd to pay homage at Abraham Lincoln's statue. Quisling guards tried to disperse the gathering, whereupon the crowd retaliated. Police reinforcements were called and made arrests.—Reuter.

SIXTH VICTIM

A sixth enemy bomber is now known to have been destroyed during the raids on Britain on the night of July 7/8. The crew were picked up at sea.—Reuter.

QUISLING GRUMBLES

"There have been only some 1,000 Dutch volunteers to fight against Soviet Russia," complained the Dutch Quisling, Heer Mussert, according to reports reaching Lisbon.

Mussert also declared that Germany had attacked Russia because "Russia's corn-fields must be opened to the whole of Europe."—Reuter.

RUMOUR EXCITES JAPAN

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS BASED UPON A BROADCAST FROM TOKYO, MR. SUMNER WELLES, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN MILITARY OR NAVAL BASES IN PORTUGAL OR ITS POSSESSIONS OR IN SIBERIA.

Such suggestions, he said, were obviously German propaganda designed to make trouble between the United States and Japan.

The radio announcement said that reports had appeared in Tokyo papers alleging an impending alliance between the United States, Britain, China and the Soviet Union, under which United States military bases would be established in the Kamchatka Peninsula.—Reuter.

Soviet Statement

The Russian military spokesman, M. Lozovsky, told the press yesterday: "We are only at the beginning of this war with Germany."

He charged Nazi propaganda agencies with circulating a report that Russia had offered to sell Kamchatka to America.

This report, he added, had been widely circulated in Japan where it had caused worry.

"But the Japanese will not be taken in with such false reports," he asserted.—International News Service.

Ground Regained In Counter-Thrusts

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AFTER NEARLY 48 HOURS OF THE MOST BITTER CLOSE QUARTER FIGHTING OF THE NINETEEN DAYS' WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND GERMANY, NOTHING HAS OCCURRED TO SHAKE MOSCOW'S ATMOSPHERE OF BUOYANT CONFIDENCE.

At the key-points of the German thrusts, Ostrov, Polotsk and Novograd-Volinsk, the Nazis have thrown in armoured units and infantry divisions to maintain a pressure permitting of no respite to the Red Army, and have put out flamboyant claims of gaps carved in the Stalin Line.

All reports confirm that the force of the Nazi drive is being kept up in complete disregard of appalling losses in men and material.

In Moscow, it is claimed that Russian counter-attacks have rolled back the Nazi troops from ground gained on the three major fronts, but it is admitted that the Germans have not abandoned their violent efforts to break through.

It is believed, however, that the situation is becoming increasingly favourable to the Soviet Union, and it may be regarded as significant that, following a talk with President Roosevelt yesterday, the Soviet Ambassador to the United

States, M. Oumansky, was able to tell the Press that he had given the President "good news" of the progress of the Russo-German fighting.

Red air fleets, meanwhile, are continuing to range far and wide over Rumania, adding to the destruction of Ploesti and other major

TEN NURSES SAVED

Ten American Red Cross nurses have been saved from two torpedoed ships, the American Red Cross announced in Washington yesterday.

This includes four nurses rescued from a British ship who are safe in Iceland.

Seven other nurses and a Red Cross hospital "house mother" are still missing.—Reuter.

oil centres as well as Constanza and Tulcea, on the Danube Delta, and Sulina, north of Constanza, on the Black Sea.—International News Service.

ANOTHER BEIRUT WARNING

British planes dropped leaflets yesterday on Beirut, demanding that it be declared an open town and occupied by British forces.

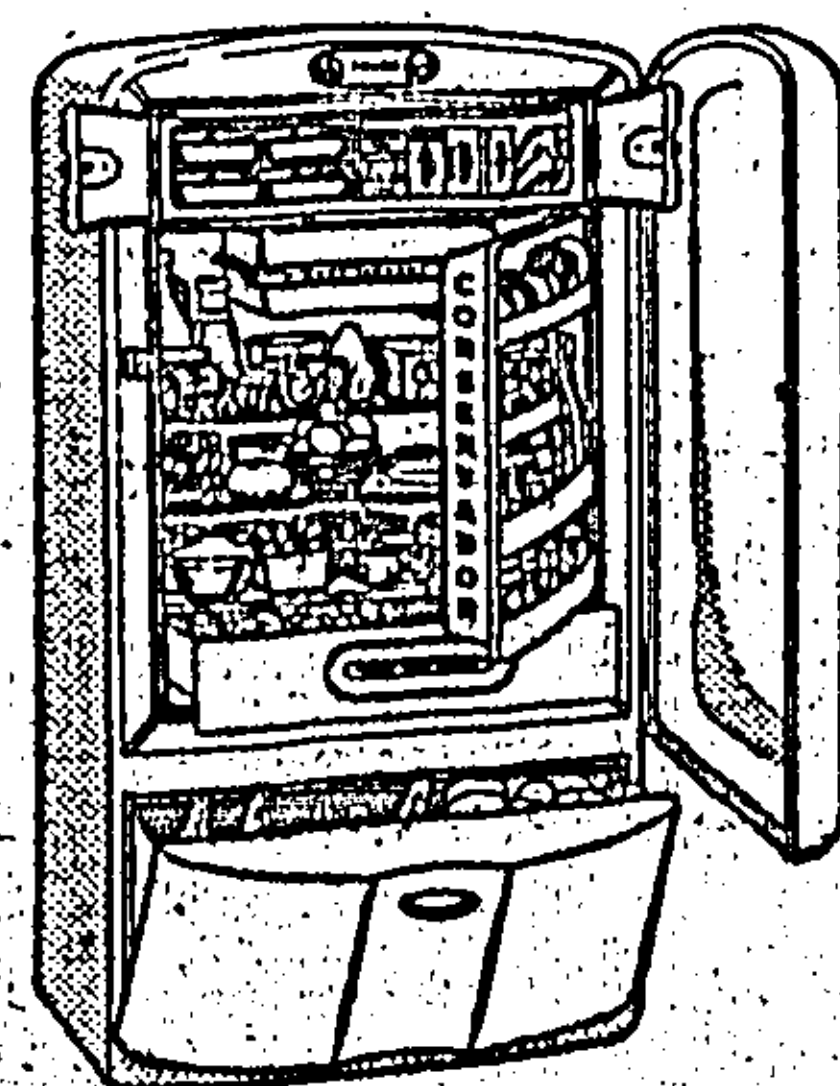
The demand was in the form of an ultimatum, according to the official Vichy news agency.

It had "nothing to do" with the negotiations for cessation of hostilities for which the United States consulate is acting as intermediary.

Admiral Darlan, who returned to Vichy from the occupied zone yesterday, conferred with Marshal Petain in the morning about Syria and his talks in Paris.

He also conferred about Syria with the Vichy Defence Minister, General Huntziger.—Reuter.

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Senator Taft Discovers "Deep Dark Plot"

Talk Of Naval Air Base In Ulster

"I HEARD WEEKS AGO ON RELIABLE AUTHORITY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS CONSTRUCTING A NAVAL AIR BASE FOR BRITAIN IN NORTHERN IRELAND," SENATOR TAFT TOLD THE U.S. SENATE YESTERDAY.

He added that since he made the first draft of his speech to the Senate yesterday Mr. Wendell Willkie had, "after calling upon the President, announced his opinion that the United States should establish military bases in Northern Ireland and Scotland."

Senator Taft added: "The occupation of Ireland would relieve perhaps half a million British troops for service elsewhere and would put half a million American boys into the British Isles."

"A base in Ireland would be much more effective to protect shipping than a base in Iceland."

"Every argument that has been used for the occupation of Iceland applies to Ireland, England and Portugal."

SENATOR TAFT CONTENDED THAT THE LANDING OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN ICELAND WAS AN ACT "EXACTLY EQUIVALENT TO AGGRESSIVE WAR" AND ONE WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAD NO RIGHT TO TAKE WITHOUT THE AUTHORITY OF CONGRESS.

"If the President can send troops to Iceland on this ground he can send them to Scotland or England; he can send them to Portugal."

"These countries are not farther away than Iceland."

Combat Rumours

Meanwhile the Senate Naval Affairs Committee voted to summon Col. Frank Knox, Navy Secretary, and Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, to testify today on reports that the United States Navy has engaged in actual combat with German vessels.—Reuter.

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"The Luftwaffe is as good as beaten," the prominent aviation journal "The Aeroplane" declared in London yesterday.

The publication said that evidence of the unwillingness of German airmen to engage the British when finding themselves outnumbered had been given by a wing commander following a German claim that on a recent daylight raid 25 British bombers were escorted by 200 fighters.

Commenting on these raids "The Aeroplane" says they are already a matter of deep anxiety to Germany and are rapidly assuming the quality of a menace.

THEY AIM AT THE CREATION OF A TECHNIQUE OF ENSURING TO THE R.A.F. LOCAL AIR SUPREMACY ON ANY SPECIAL OCCASION.

"If by this method bombers can be protected while carrying out their attack, similar immunity might be secured for other forms of destructive military undertakings."

"Some military and naval objectives are harder to destroy by bombs than shells, torpedoes or a well-placed explosive charge."

"The R.A.F. seems to be laying a set of excellent foundations."—Reuter.

DENMARK SHORT OF EGGS

The acute dearth of eggs in Denmark owing to the slaughtering of poultry through lack of chicken food, has raised the question of using the eggs of the hundreds of thousands of seagulls throughout Denmark.

Ornithologists compute that about 2,000,000 seagulls produce at least 800,000 clutches, each of two or three eggs, in the early spring, with a second clutch in the summer; hence there is a possibility of at least from 3,500,000 to 4,000,000 gulls' eggs a year, equivalent in weight and nourishment to about 2,000,000 hens' eggs.

Gulls' eggs have been hitherto a great delicacy, and it is now proposed to organise a systematic collection throughout Denmark.

Asama Maru's Mission

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A total of 666 German women and children refugees from Batavia docked in Shanghai in the Asama Maru yesterday.

Of this number 199 disembarked in Shanghai, the rest are proceeding to Japan.

The Asama Maru's schedule was altered last month to enable her to proceed direct from Manila to Batavia to pick up the refugees.

"Heil Hitler" the refugees shouted as the liner approached the wharf where a big gathering of the local Nazi Party was on hand to greet the arrivals.

All appeared healthy despite their year-long detention in various internment camps in Batavia.

Those staying in Shanghai are to be quartered in the German School for the time being.

Women told newsmen the camps' food was inadequate though their appearance belied the words.

Husbands and male relatives were detained in other camps and are still in Batavia.—International News Service.

STABBED AT CLUB FIGHT

Harry Distleman, an ex-bookmaker known as Scarface Hubby, staggered into Wardour Street, W.1, with a knife in his back, shouting "I'm stabbed!" and fell dead.

There had been a fight at a billiards and bridge club of which he was a member.

Another man, Eddie Fletcher, was wounded so severely that he may lose an arm.

Police detained a man, but made no charge against him.

Billiard balls were thrown, and men fought with cues during the fight at the club.

A friend of Distleman said, "An attempt was made to break up the club. Harry tried to stop it, and he was stabbed in the back as he went down the staircase."

CONGRESS REJECTS CURB ON EMPLOYERS

By 170 votes to 91, the House of Representatives yesterday turned down a proposal that President Roosevelt be empowered to take over defence factories where the managements have refused to use federal conciliation and mediation services to settle labour disputes.—Reuter.

DR. KOO PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

His Majesty the King yesterday received in audience at Buckingham Palace, Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, who presented his Letters of Credence.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIR "ACE" GOES TO HIS DEATH

The loss in action over the Channel of the German air ace, Captain Balphasar, of the Richtofen squadron, was announced in a German communique yesterday.

It said that Balphasar, who had been repeatedly decorated and had won 40 victories in air battles, was killed in battle with British airmen over the Channel.—Reuter.

CHINESE SHOT DEAD IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Terrorism claimed its customary daily victim in Shanghai when an unidentified Chinese was killed by two gunmen.

The assassins fired a fusillade of 12 shots, one striking the victim's head causing instant death.—International News Service.

ITALIAN AIR BASE AT SYRACUSE ATTACKED

R.A.F. AIRCRAFT attacked Italian float 'planes, probably Cant Z 506 craft, on the water at Syracuse on Wednesday, according to yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Three float 'planes were burnt out and several others badly damaged, numerous casualties being caused among the crews. The communique makes no mention of any attack on Naples, referred to in yesterday's Italian communique.

In Syria, R.A.F. aircraft attacked Vichy aircraft on the ground at Aleppo, destroying two and damaging about 10 others.

Australian aircraft attacked and damaged armoured cars near Beirut and in the Damour area.

R.A.F. bombers blew up ammunition stocks at Beirut and bombed the railway station at Rayak.

In Cyrenaica R.A.F. bombers attacked enemy aerodromes at Marjuba and Gazala, starting fires at both places.

During the night of July 8/9 heavy bombers carried out further attacks on Benghazi, causing large fires on the quays near the Cathedral Mole.

Attacks were also made on landing grounds at Derna, Marjuba and Gazala.

Malta Raid

Unidentified enemy aircraft which raided Malta during the night of July 8/9 were intercepted by British fighters and one raider shot down into the sea.

One British aircraft is missing as a result of the foregoing operations.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BID FOR AIR SUPREMACY

The British Commonwealth air training plan, which is six months ahead of schedule with 85 per cent. of its units going full blast, has uncorked the bottle in the struggle for air supremacy by supplying an ever-increasing flow of intrepid young air crews.

So declared Mr. Power, Canadian Minister for National Defence and Air, in a war communique broadcast from London last night.

"In May last year we started with 168 pupils," said Mr. Power. "To-day, in pupils and graduates, we have one hundred fold that number and many more: more in numbers than a division of infantry."

"A division such as has never been known before, young men coming from the United Kingdom, Newfoundland, the Straits Settlements, British residents of South America, Australia, New Zealand and many hundred speaking with the accents of California, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York."

"And no ordinary young men, either, but the cream of the youth of the liberty-loving countries of the world."—Reuter.

RIDDLE OF 19 "MISTERS"

The Financial Secretary to the War Office can't trace that famous list of Home Guard appointments—the one showing that only nineteen out of 319 officers are plain "Misters."

That was his reply, given in a Parliamentary answer to Mr. Alfred Edwards (Lab., Middlesbrough E.). But, added the secretary:

"Those lists which I have examined show that less than 10 per cent. are peers, baronets, knights or brigadier-generals."

(The list referred to by Mr. Edwards was given in a War Office Order Paper issued on April 14.)

Aix-La-Chapelle Gets Its Baptism Of The Blitz Raid

SEVERE ONSLAUGHT BY R.A.F.

AIRCRAFT OF THE Bomber Command did great damage in Aachen on Wednesday night, states the Air Ministry news service.

This town on the frontier between Belgium and Germany, better known as Aix-la-Chapelle, was cleared for modern industry and development by a huge conflagration in 1855 which destroyed 90 per cent. of its buildings.

It lies in a district rich in mineral wealth, has many industries, and is an important railway town.

It had been attacked by the R.A.F. before but not very often and certainly never on such a scale as on Wednesday night.

As the attackers, undeterred by incessant A.A. fire or patrolling fighters, passed through the defences, the town was brightly lit first by the moon and then by drifting flares and last by great fires.

Over In An Hour

The attack was all over in about an hour, and by that time the railway junction had been hit and factories set alight.

There were parallel lines of fire across the town and towards the end it was often difficult, in the confusion of fire and smoke, to see how much damage each new bomb had done.

AFTER ONE AIRCRAFT HAD SHOWERED ITS INCENDIARIES ACROSS THE RAILWAY THERE WERE 12 VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS.—REUTER.

CHINA AND NEW ZEALAND

"Although the Chinese and New Zealanders are not engaged in the same theatre of war, I feel certain they are nearer to each other than ever before in thought, ideals and spirit."

This declaration was made yesterday by the Chinese consul-general, Mr. Wang Feng, at a gathering of Chinese citizens in Wellington.

"At the beginning of the fifth year of the Sino-Japanese war I express deep gratitude to New Zealand for the moral support given to China in the last four years."

Mr. Wang assured New Zealanders of his great sympathy in their struggle and said they must envisage the day when the British and Chinese would lead the way to world Democracy and a new international order.—REUTER.

Shanghai Man Engaged

The engagement was announced in London yesterday of Albert William Burkill, O.B.E., of St. James' Court, and Mrs. Catherine Isabelle Skinner, of 1, Prince's Row, the widow of C. A. Skinner, of Dorchester.

Mr. Burkill is a member of the well-known Shanghai firm, A. W. Burkill and Sons, which has large interests in Malaya rubber estates.—REUTER.

CHINESE AMBASSADOR LEAVES REICH

The Chinese Ambassador to Germany, General Chen Chien, left the Nazi capital last evening with his staff, states the official German news agency.

He will go to Switzerland where he will await an opportunity of returning to Chungking via America.—REUTER.

ROOSEVELT TRIBUTE TO POLES

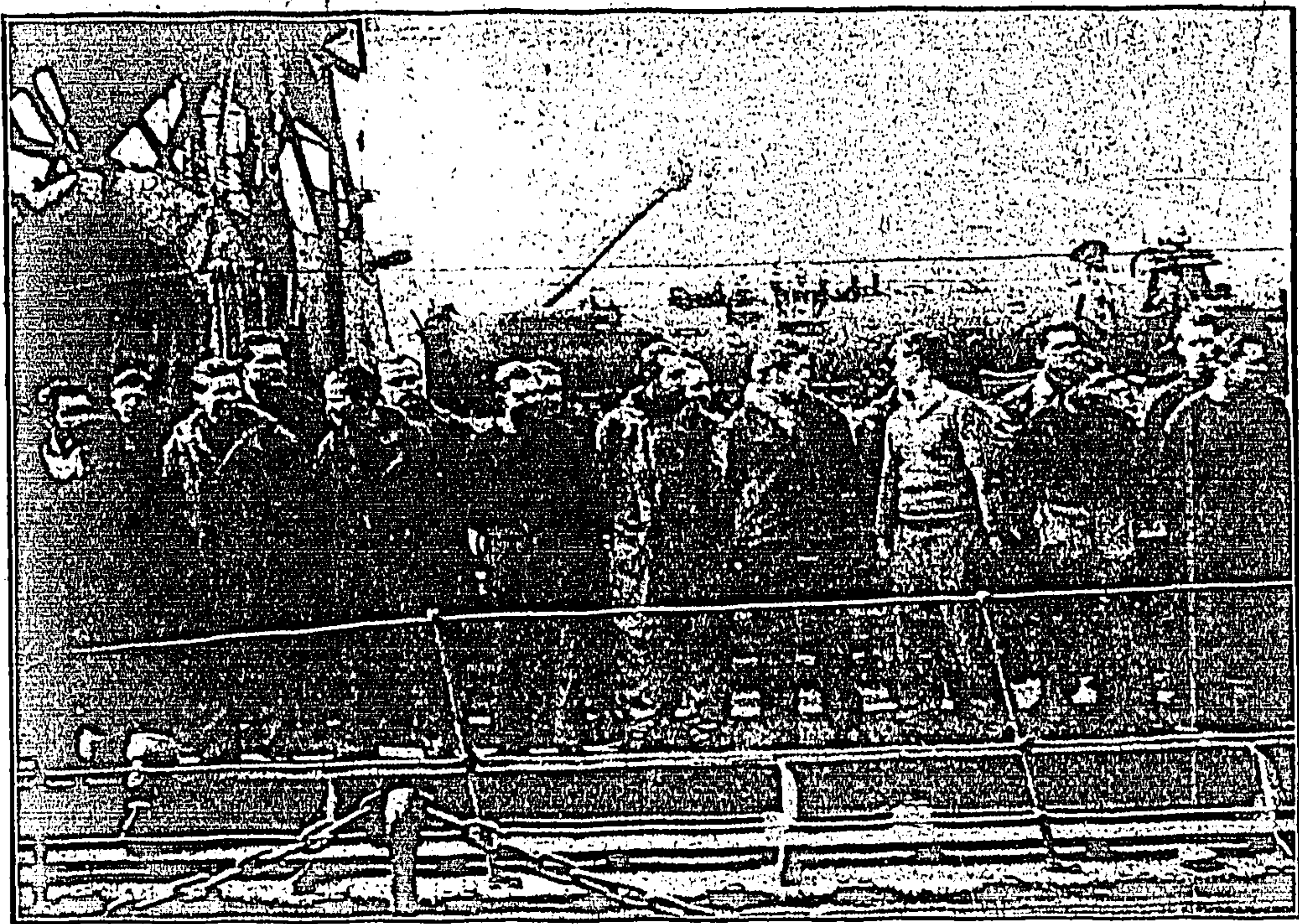
That the sacrifices of Poland and other countries will eventually result in a world free from unprovoked attack is expressed in a message from President Roosevelt to M. Raczewicz, President of Poland.

The message was in reply to a telegram on July 4 expressing Poland's cordial wishes.

President Roosevelt said: "Your assurance of the unfailing friendship of the Polish nation for the United States is deeply appreciated. The American people are proud to have the friendship of the people of Poland."

"During the last two years, the heroic and determined manner in which the Polish people have struggled and sacrificed in face of tremendous hardships and deprivations has been an inspiration not only to the people of the United States but to liberty-loving people everywhere."

"We are confident that the sacrifices which the Polish and other peoples opposing the forces of aggression are making, will eventually result in the restoration of a world in which it will be possible again for nations to carry on with each other normal and friendly intercourse without fear of sudden and unprovoked attack."—REUTER.



Mr. Churchill, in announcing the certain destruction of three U-boats in one day, recently said in the House of Commons: "Not since October 13th., 1939, have I been cheered by such delectable tidings of a triple event." This photo shows U-boat prisoners, lined up on the deck of the British destroyer which sank two of the U-boats referred to by Mr. Churchill, preparatory to being landed at a British port.

BIG OFFENSIVE SWEEP: FIERCE DOG-FIGHTS

AN AIR MINISTRY communique states that early yesterday afternoon formations of Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked enemy shipping in the ports of Cherbourg and Le Havre.

Six ships, totalling over 30,000 tons, were hit by bombs and it is considered that each of the vessels is a total loss.

Quays, dockside buildings and gun emplacements were also bombed.

Heavy bombers with a fighter escort attacked a chemical works and adjoining railway siding at Choques, near Bethune.

In the course of these operations escorting fighters had fierce engagements with enemy fighters which were unable to prevent the British bombers hitting their targets.

Sharp Losses

Twelve enemy fighters were destroyed in these combats, and 10 British fighters and two bombers are missing, it was reported at first.

A later announcement, however, established that 13 German fighters were destroyed and that one British fighter previously reported missing had returned and the pilot of another had been rescued.

British losses, therefore, were nine fighters, the pilot of one being safe.—REUTER.

DEATH OF DR. DAVID JOCHELMAN

Dr. David Jochelman, chairman and founder of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations of Great Britain and the Polish Jewish Refugee Fund, died in England on Wednesday aged 73.

A close associate of Israel Zangwill, he frequently visited England from Russia until he settled in England permanently in 1913.—REUTER.

U.S. ARMY'S BILL

"IN ORDER FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL DEFENCE," PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF US\$4,770,000,000 FOR THE UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT.

The request was made yesterday in a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the bill covered eleven individual items, the largest of which was \$3,486,000,000 for Army ordnance.

President Roosevelt yesterday approved Budget estimates of \$4,700,000,000 in new money for the War Department.

This sum is part of the \$15,000,000,000 for national defence and for Lease and Lend purposes.—REUTER.

WEYGAND RETURNS TO PARIS

General Weygand arrived in Vichy yesterday from North Africa, says a Reuter despatch from London.

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PRODUCTION DEBATE WINDS UP WITHOUT MOTION

IN THE CONTINUED debate on production in the House of Commons yesterday, Colonel J. C. Moore-Brabazon, Minister for Aircraft Production, refused to accept the allegation that there were not enough 'planes in the Middle East.

He painted a picture of Lord Beaverbrook's dynamic energy when accelerating 'plane production.

"I once went to interview him," said Col. Moore-Brabazon, "and found him interviewing four people at once and quite coherently.

"He had a telephone in one hand and was talking to America and at the same time was ordering his hairdresser to come round and cut his hair in his office."

Col. Moore-Brabazon hoped that ultimately every single machine from the United States would deliver itself by air.

He declared it was easy to raid London from France.

It was more difficult to raid Berlin from London but it would not be many months before raids like those on London would be child's play compared with the raids we would be able to make on Berlin.

The debate concluded without a division being challenged.

Trends Of Criticism

Mr. Churchill listened to parts of the debate, which combined many criticisms with unanimous expressions of belief that production would be fully organised.

Members assumed Mr. Churchill would note the chief trends of criticism and that further action will follow.

It was in that belief that the House was allowed to be adjourned without challenging the Estimates for which the debate had taken place.—Reuter.

ALL N.Z. FIGHTER SQUADRON

THE FIRST FIGHTER SQUADRON OF THE R.A.F. TO BE COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF NEW ZEALAND PILOTS IS NOW COMPLETING ITS TRAINING AT A STATION IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.

The formation of the new squadron has brought together some two dozen New Zealanders from other squadrons to which they had earlier been posted. The Squadron Leader, a 25-year old native of Dannevirke, Hawke's Bay, was a flight commander in one of the Czech fighter squadrons when he was called to be the first leader of this new Empire formation. Earlier he was with the Burma Squadron.

The average age in the new squadron is 22 years and the members, of whom nearly half are sergeant-pilots, hail from such towns as Auckland, Hamilton, New Plymouth, Christchurch, Wellington, Timaru, Levin, Wairoa, Otago and Cambridge.

St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

The Prize-giving will be on Saturday, 12th. July, at 4.15 p.m. at Stanley, when H.E. the Governor has kindly promised to distribute the prizes.

Parents, Old Boys and Friends are warmly invited to attend.

A Scholarship Examination will be held on Saturday, 10th July at 9 a.m. at Stanley. One scholarship covering board fees, \$382 p.m., will be offered to sons of Old Boys in need of help, but in the event of none such qualifying, the award will be open to others. For application forms apply to—

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BADGE RAMP HITS LOVERS

Shopkeepers in many small towns and villages are selling replica Service badges—worn lovingly by girls whose husbands or sweethearts are in the Forces—at six times their value.

Victims of the ramp are generally unsuspecting young men who buy them as presents.

One Fleet Air Arm man bought a badge brooch for his fiancée in a southern town for 3s. 9d.

Some days later the girl saw an identical brooch in a London chain store for 7½d.

SPAIN'S APOLOGY

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, stated in reply to a question in the Commons yesterday that the Spanish Government have apologised for the recent attack on the British Embassy in Madrid and the persons responsible have been appropriately punished.—Reuter.

BAN ON "TAKE AWAY" DRINKS

SOLDIERS OF THE SOUTH-EASTERN COMMAND MUST NOT CARRY BOTTLES OF BEER OR SPIRITS EVEN WHILE OFF DUTY.

Licenses in the district, which includes Eastbourne, have been asked not to sell liquor to be drunk off the premises to soldiers in uniform.

Officers, like N.C.O.s and men, are subject to the ban.

Orders issued by a Military Command apply only to its own soldiers. Licenses in the district will have to decide whether they will continue to serve the R.A.F. and sailors.

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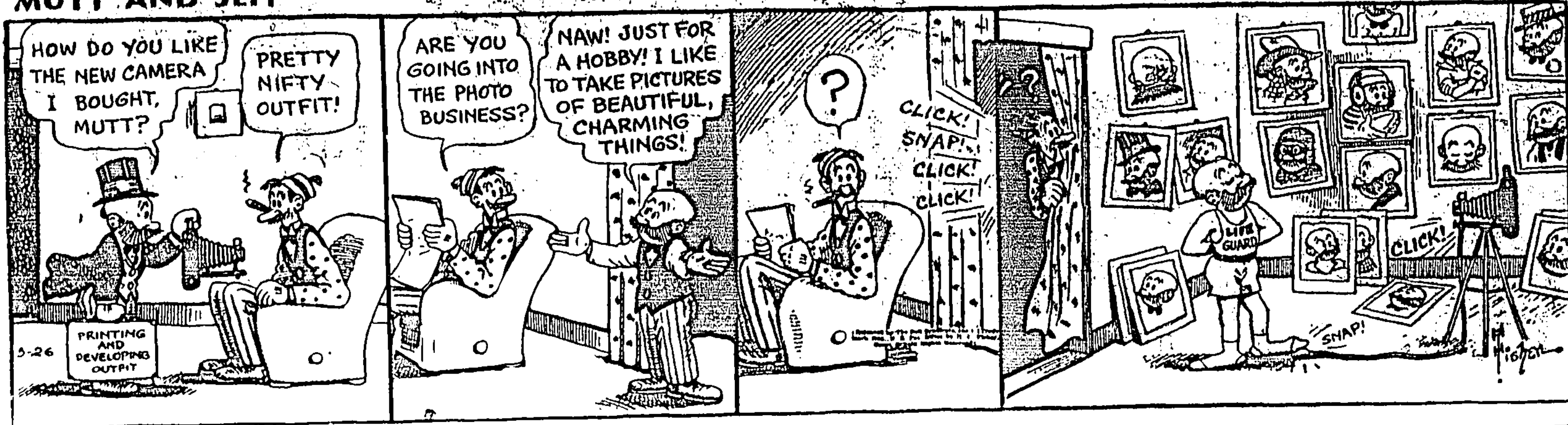
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HELD ROPE BY TEETH: SAVED 2

A SEAMAN HELD on to a rope with his teeth while he supported two drowning men and saved their lives. He has been awarded the Albert Medal.

The hero was Acting Second Hand John Henry Mitchell, R.N.R.

Chief Engineman Wedderburn, who could not swim, fell into the sea between two trawlers in harbour on September 27 last year, and became unconscious. An unknown seaman, who jumped in to save him, was soon in difficulties.

Mitchell, hearing shouts, clambered over a vessel to the quay, ran 100 yards, climbed across two other ships and jumped into the water.

He seized Wedderburn, who was sinking, by the hair, and held up the other man until a rope was passed down from the trawler. This he secured with a bowline round the now helpless seaman, using one hand, while he supported both men and himself by gripping the rope with his teeth.

Rescued Unconscious

The seaman was then hauled out of the water by the men in the trawler.

Mitchell, though fully dressed and wearing sea boots, supported Wedderburn by treading water

till a pilot ladder could be lowered. He made the rope fast round Wedderburn, and steadied him as he was hauled out.

He had been in cold water for thirty-five minutes, and was unconscious when rescued.

RAID ORPHAN'S STEPFATHER

THE MINISTER OF PENSIONS VISUALISE THE TIME WHEN HE WOULD BECOME STEPFATHER TO ALL CHILDREN ORPHANED BY AIR RAIDS.

The policy of his department, he said, was as far as possible to keep children in homes or with relatives rather than in institutions.

But the time would come when permanent homes would have to be found for evacuated children, whose parents had been killed.

Those children would then become the wards of the Ministry, and the Minister would be stepfather to them all.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES DOWN

A further drop of 67,000 is shown in unemployment returns issued yesterday.

Total unemployed on June 16 was 301,000 compared with 368,000 on May 12 and 766,000 on June 17 last year.—Reuter.

FIGHTER, 68, GOES TO SEA

Irish Jack (Spike) Sullivan, ex-prize fighter, Army captain and film actor, is serving in the Merchant Service at sixty-eight to get his own back on the Germans.

Two of his sons were killed during the Dunkirk evacuation.

Spike, a fighter in war and in the ring for fifty years, writes a New York correspondent, is now bosun in a cargo vessel sailing between Canada and England.

Gave Star "Lug" Ear

According to Spike the only fight he ever lost was to Stanley Ketchel back in 1908, after he had knocked out Jack O'Brien, Tommy Burns and Deafie Burke.

In 1921 he gave Victor McLaglen the "lug" ear he carries. It was in a fight scene during the filming of an early Hollywood picture called "Gentleman Jim." Spike played the villain.

Sullivan shipped out to South Africa, and arrived to find the Boer War had started. He joined the Army.

38 Hours On Raft

In 1914 he joined up again in Canada as a private and soon became a captain.

Four times in the present war Spike has felt the chill waters of the Atlantic after his ships had been torpedoed.

He spent thirty-eight hours on a life raft off Narvik with a shipmate, the only other survivor of a thirty-nine-man crew.

In 1912, he survived the Titanic disaster.

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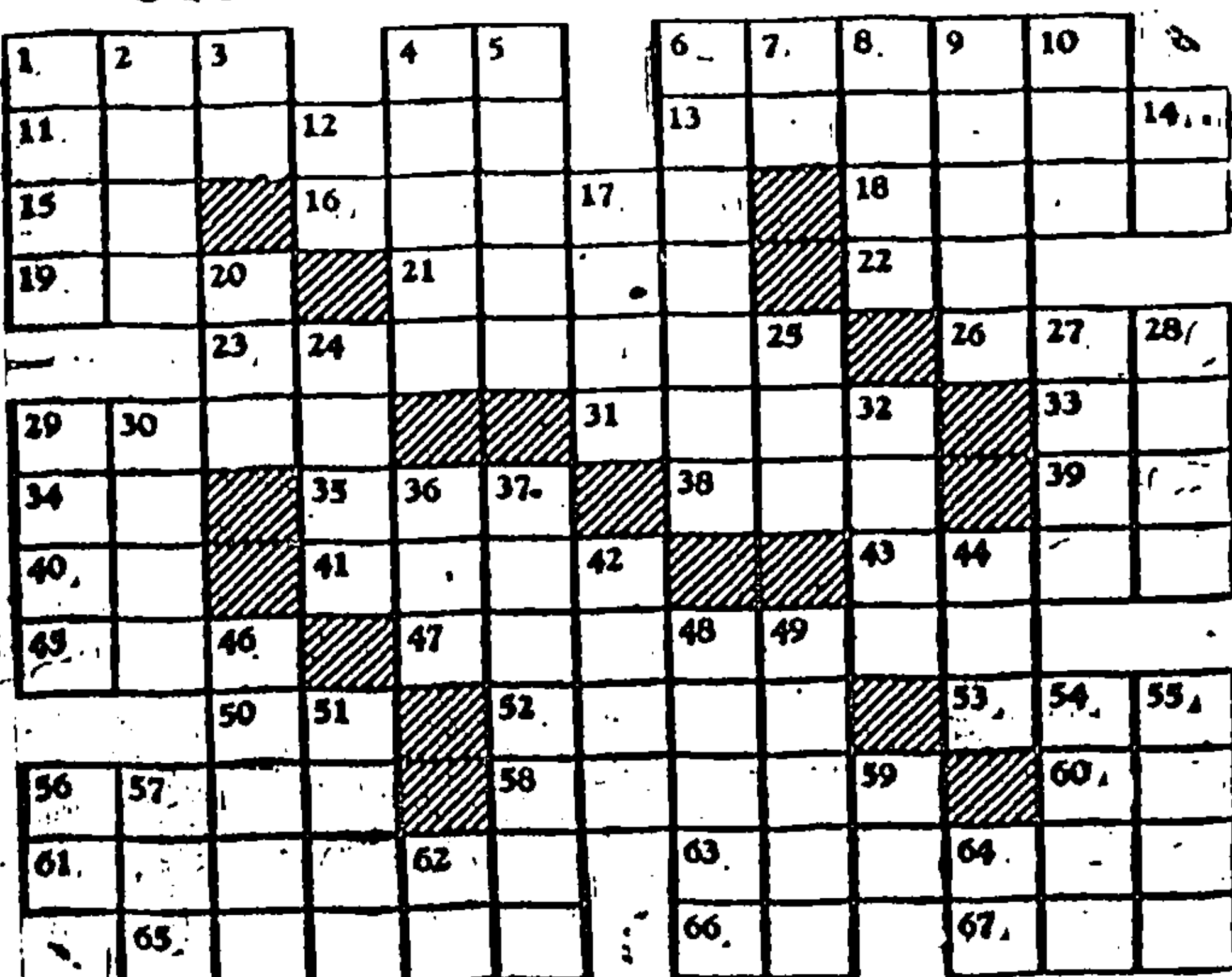
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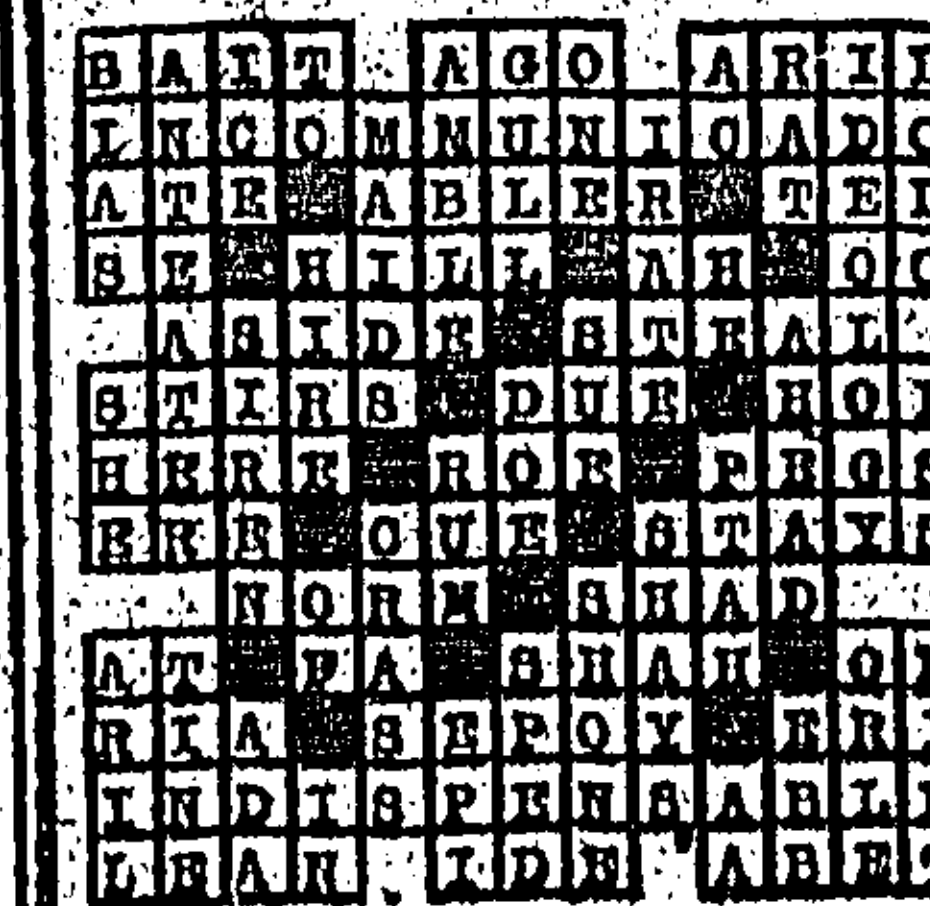
HORIZONTAL

- 1 In the past
- 4 Hence
- 6 To make pale
- 11 To bestow
- 13 Poem by Vergil
- 15 Nook
- 16 Wrath
- 18 Man's name
- 19 Laid
- 21 To cloy
- 22 Interjection
- 23 Passageway
- 24 To recede
- 25 To incline
- 26 Proposition
- 27 Cooled lava
- 28 Six
- 29 Philippine savage
- 30 Held session
- 31 French article
- 32 Hebrew name for God
- 33 Minus
- 34 Egyptian deity
- 35 Malt beverage
- 37 To allure
- 38 Negative
- 39 Chain of rocks near the surface of the water

VERTICAL

- 1 Sour
- 2 Departed
- 3 Preposition
- 4 Feeling
- 5 Musical instrument
- 6 Heels over
- 7 Pronoun
- 8 Ox of Colopos

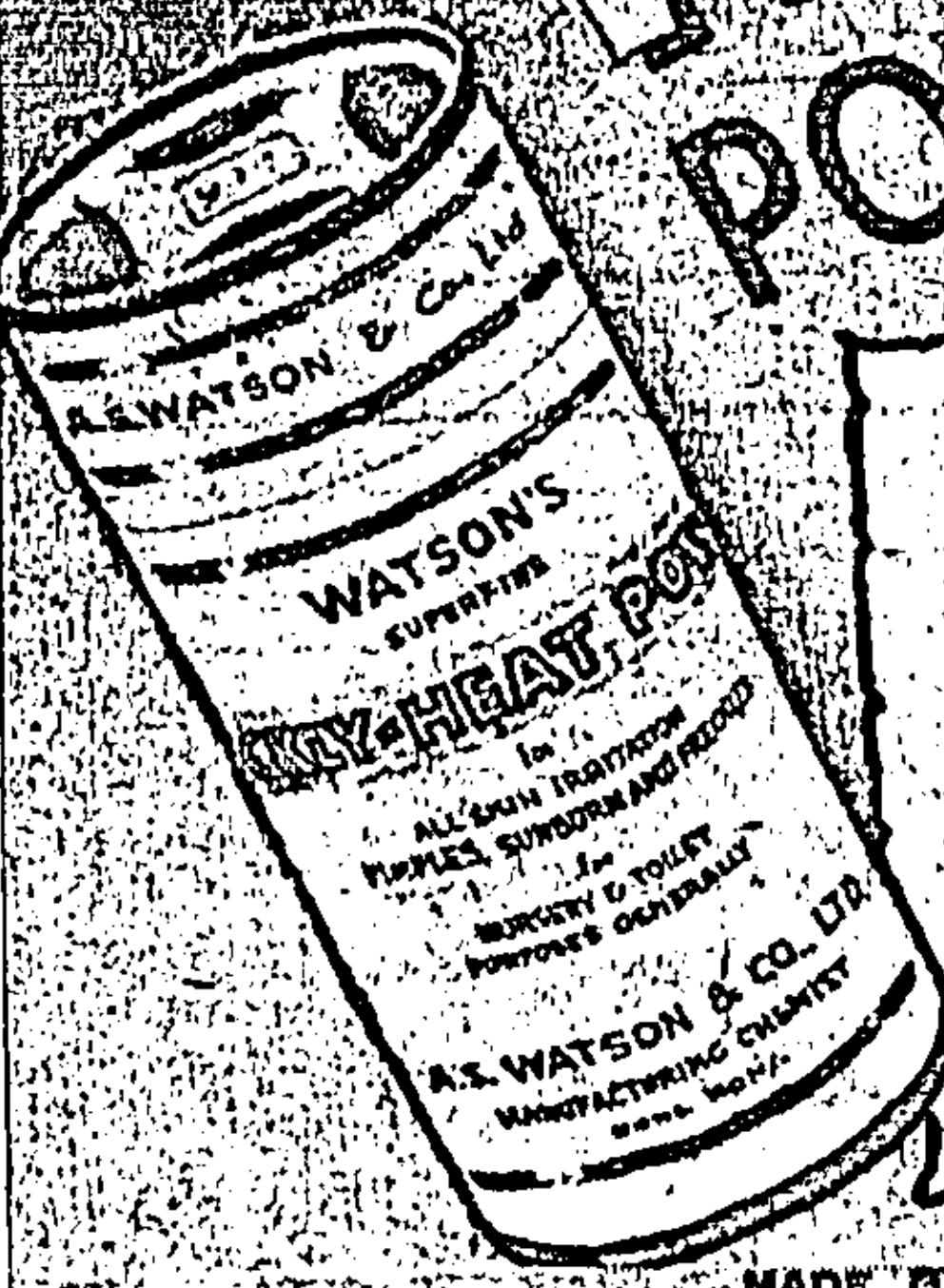
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



VERTICAL

- 9 Oblivion
- 10 Set of tools
- 12 Note of scale
- 14 To act
- 17 Small case
- 20 To scold
- 24 Calf meat
- 25 Music: as written
- 27 One of Sunda Isles
- 28 Cries like a sheep
- 29 Part of the eye
- 30 Stream
- 32 Pertaining to the ears
- 33 Beverage
- 37 Astraddle
- 42 To walk
- 44 Pigeon
- 46 To come into operation
- 48 Old English ballad
- 49 Following
- 51 Glacial ridges
- 54 Always
- 55 Wilthered
- 56 Exclamation of surprise
- 57 Born
- 59 Half an em.
- 62 Chinese measure
- 64 Roman gods

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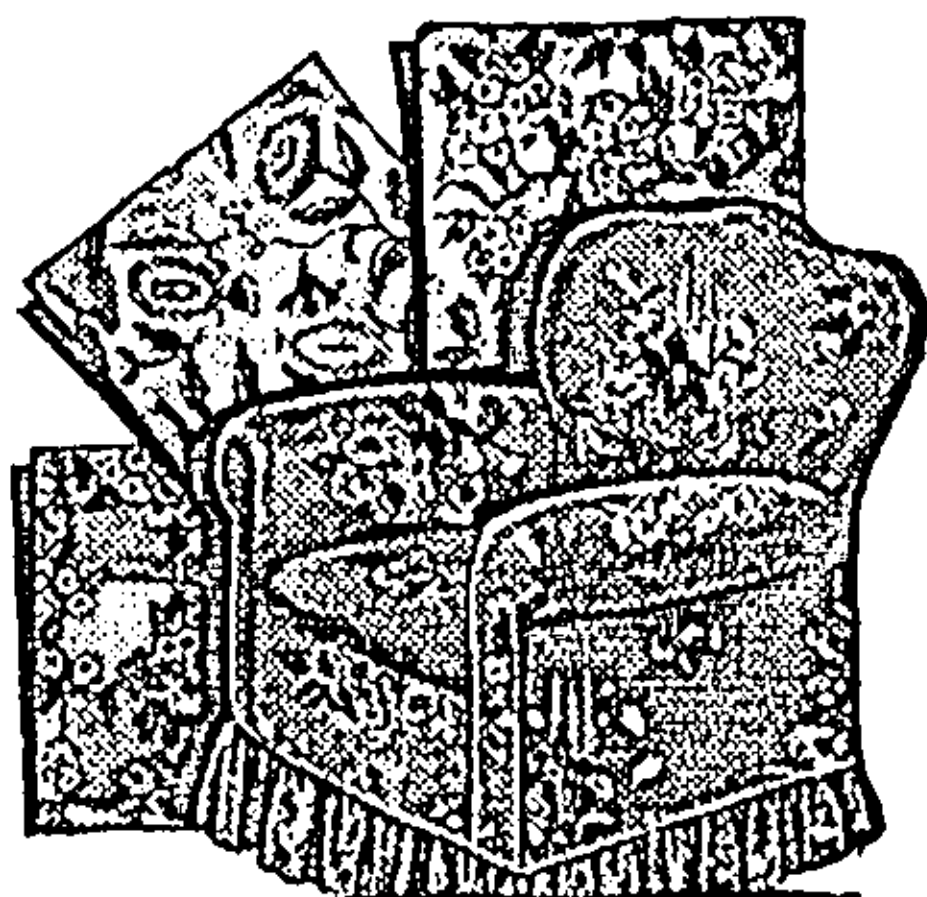
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NAZIS MADE HIM HIC FOR A WEEK

Alarm at the Nazi occupation of Greece and the possible danger to his family there caused Alex Themelis, a Greek waiter, of New York, an attack of hiccups lasting a week.

He had to go to hospital and was placed in an oxygen mask and given a diet of special soft foods.

BRITISH FASCISTS' 'HOLIDAY'

Preparations are being made in the Isle of Man for the reception of 1,000 British Fascists.

It was announced in Parliament recently that they are to be interned there.

A reshuffling of the internment camps is being made to provide accommodation for them.

One camp has been cleared of its alien internees, who have been sent to other internment camps on the island.

They will, it is believed, be subjected to the same kind of internment as the aliens, except that their military guard will be stronger.

It is likely that they will be called on to perform some kind of service.

They will not come into contact with the alien internees, who are doing land work on the island.

It is not yet known whether Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of British Fascists, will be sent with his followers to the Isle of Man.

No special arrangements have been made for any individual internees.

THE FASCISTS WILL LIVE IN BOARDING-HOUSES, SURROUNDED BY BARBED-WIRE BARRICADES.

PREMIER PROUD TO BE JOURNALIST

THE KING SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION TO SIR EMSLEY CARR, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE "NEWS OF THE WORLD," AT A LUNCHEON IN LONDON TO MARK THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SIR EMSLEY'S APPOINTMENT AS EDITOR.

Major J. J. Astor was in the chair. Several members of the Cabinet, headed by the Premier, and most of the notable figures in the newspaper world attended.

Mr. Churchill said: "I have always been proud of my connection with journalism, to which the people and the Parliament turned for one whom they supposed might give them some chance of emerging from their embarrassment."

QUESTION STOPS A TRIAL

Holding that a question put to a witness by the prosecuting counsel was "likely seriously to prejudice the interests of the prisoner," Judge Benzley stopped a case at the Old Bailey and ordered a re-trial.

WHEN ITS AUTOMATIC PILOT JAMMED DURING A FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC, AN R.A.F. 15-TON CATALINA FLYING BOAT SPUN FROM 18,500FT. TO ONLY 800FT. IN A SPIRAL DIVE — AND SMASHED OFF BOTH ITS AILERONS.

Regaining control by a terrific effort, the two pilots, though six hours out from Britain, brought their giant craft home.

When they sent out a radio signal, "Both ailerons gone," no one at the base believed it — it seemed impossible that a 15-ton plane could still be flying without lateral control.

The story is one of the epics of flight.

Flight-Lieutenant J. G. Fleming, D.F.C., and Flying Officer J. J. Meikle, two R.A.F. Canadians, were bringing the Catalina from Bermuda. She carried a crew of six.

When the automatic control jammed the right aileron was full down and the machine, in its dive, caused the ailerons to flutter.

During this staggering plunge to within 800 feet of the sea the pilots did their utmost to regain stability.

Pressure on the ailerons, however, was so great that one broke away. This was the worst moment of all. Then the second aileron was torn off. It helped to restore the balance of the ship.

Daren't Move Hands

When the flutter began the radio operator sent out an S.O.S. It was never received—the fixed wireless aerial had been carried away with the ailerons.

Just as they believed they must hit the water, the pilots recovered control.

Fleming and Meikle were compelled to sit side by side exerting all their strength on the control to keep the machine in the air.

They dared not remove their hands to look at a map. Fortunately, Fleming had memorised his course, and, with Meikle's aid, managed to turn the machine very gently until it was on its correct course again.

As they approached the British coast they flew into a storm, yet landed in harbour.

5 THREW A DART

Five Scots Canadians stationed in the south of England got nine days' leave and free travelling warrants to anywhere in the British Isles.

With their Scottish blood running high, they pinned a map of Scotland on the wall and threw darts to see where they should spend their leave.

One of the five twice threw his dart into the Atlantic, but finally landed in the Hebrides.

It was arranged that each one of the party should spend his leave in the district where his dart pierced the map, and they were to return to their quarters with definite proof that they had fulfilled their undertaking.

The soldier who failed was to stand all the drinks in a local hotel for an entire evening.

The first of the five to arrive back at the billet is Private A. Armstrong, with his pay-book autographed by the Town Clerk of Dumfries.

SHELLED — SHOW WENT ON

A variety show at a Dover theatre went on after German long-range guns fired two salvos into the area. No further shells were fired and there were no casualties or damage.

NO RICE AT WEDDINGS

Use of rice at weddings is an offence, states the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food.

REFUGEES TORTURED BY FRENCH

Emphasising that the Vichy Government is responsible for the treatment of these unhappy men and women, the report states that many thousands are now in foreign labour companies scattered throughout Morocco and Algeria.

"Life in these 'labour battalions' is similar to life in prison. The men work on rail road construction under a burning sun with a temperature that in the summer often reaches 69 degrees centigrade.

Tied To Horses

"They are given a task that must be finished: if they fail, they are put in penal battalions, guarded by armed native soldiers and subjected to all kinds of mistreatment.

"They are insulted and beaten mercilessly for the slightest infractions of the rules, even for stopping work a second when exhausted by the heat and the killing pace.

"Punishments are unworthy of a civilised nation. One of them consists of tying the prisoner's hands together with a rope, the other end of which attached to a horse's tail. The horse is then made to run with increasing speed until the wretched prisoner falls and is dragged through the burning sand.

"Another 'remedy' for disobedience consists in forcing a prisoner into a barrel, which is then rolled down hill.

Lie In Graves

"In the 'punishment of the tomb,' the most ferocious of all, the man under discipline is forced to dig a grave. He is then made to lie motionless in the grave for several days, exposed to the heat of the sun and the cold of the night, under the constant vigilance of an armed native, and not allowed to alter his position in the slightest, even for the demands of nature."

Copies of the report have been sent to President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State.

KING FIRES TOMMY GUN

The King recently fired a Tommy-gun for the first time and "peppered the enemy."

With his first four shots, fired from the shoulder, he found the "heart" of the enemy soldier silhouetted on the target.

Then, lowering the gun and shooting from the waist, the King fired seventeen more shots and again registered many hits.

The Queen stood behind him and applauded.

This happened during a Royal visit to a station somewhere in the south of England. Afterwards the King commented on the excellence of the Tommy gun as a weapon.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

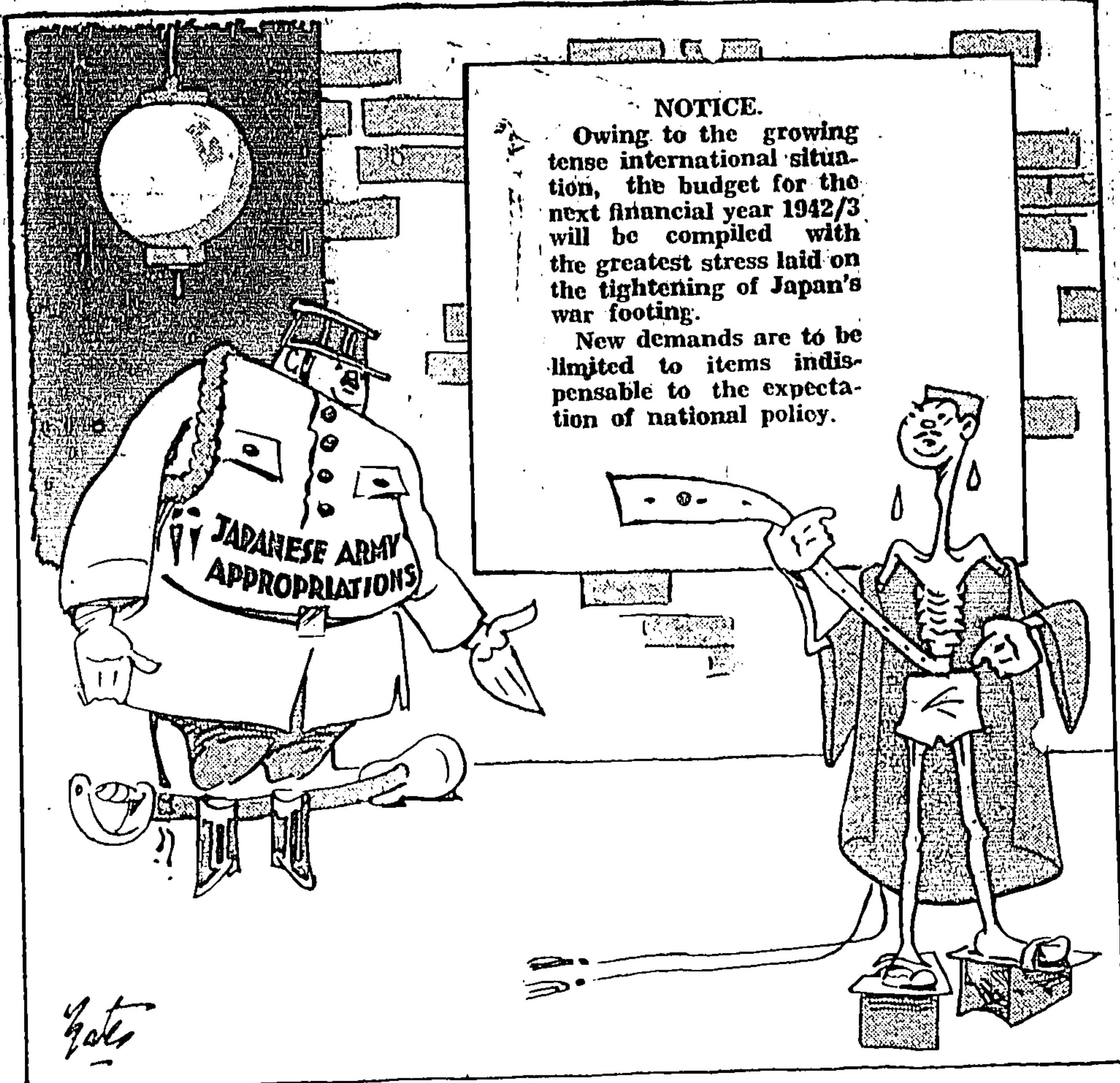
IMPLICATIONS

Two interesting statements have followed the action of President Roosevelt in accepting responsibility for the guardianship of Iceland. Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons, has pointed to the logical outcome of that step: close Anglo-American cooperation in the defence of the island and the mutual advantages to be derived from Anglo-American naval cooperation in keeping the dangerous waters of the North Atlantic open to supplies from the United States to her forces in Iceland and from the United States to Britain. Mr. Willkie, in Washington, following an interview with President Roosevelt, indicated that his influence had been brought to bear to break down resistances to the full implications of the lend-lease policy. Effective aid or none at all, is Mr. Willkie's doctrine, and it involves measures to ensure the maintenance of free sea-lanes. The positions of Mr. Willkie and President Roosevelt are, of course, from all practical considerations, vitally different. Mr. Willkie is a free-lance. The heavy responsibility of decisions from which there can be no retreat is the President's. There is, however, a good deal to be said for the insistence in influential sections of the American Press that Mr. Willkie's forthright stand is more typically representative of the average American attitude to the problems of the hour.

In a recent issue of "Collier's Weekly" he succeeded in one and the same paragraph in demolishing the defeatism of the isolationists and in charting a bolder course for the administration, when he wrote:

I give to America a practical, specific plan. Furnish to Britain to-day and to-morrow and the next day, for her desperate need, ships — the ships in our docks, the ships in our coastwise trade — until it hurts, the impounded ships of other nations, the ships we are building. Give to her destroyers, and, if necessary, see that those ships, loaded with the ever-increasing production of American factories and farms, deliver their cargoes safely to the ports of western and northern England. Thus England will survive.

Here is the reply to Col. Lindbergh's assumption that Britain cannot possibly win and that aid for Britain is therefore futile. Here also is the call to courageous leadership in place of hesitation. Mr. Willkie coupled his plea for delivering the cargoes with a plea for maximum industrial production. His



TIGHTENING UP THE (CIVILIAN) BELT.

We Have His Measure

All over the world there are hints and rumours in circulation that peace is possible within a very short time. Hitler, we are told, is just about to tell us that so far as he is concerned he has won all he wants and that for him the war is at an end. He is even prepared, so the story goes, to give up some of his gains in the interests of peace, and Britain, it is hinted, may agree to some such deal, realising that the complete defeat of Hitler is now impossible.

Don't believe it. Hitler may ardently desire a peace of that kind. It is the one thing that could save him. But he has no more chance of getting away with

it now, than he has of Nazifying Britain. Far from believing that Hitler cannot be beaten, Britain is now convinced to a man that he can be beaten and beaten completely.

A year ago Britain was less confident. The British with their backs to the wall, almost unarmed, except for a magnificent though small Air Force, and an unbeatable Navy, with characteristic stubbornness refused to believe that defeat was possible.

With grim determination they set out to rearm themselves. They

made many blunders. They went about the job slowly. They took many hard knocks on sea and on land in the process. They had to watch their cities being laid in ruins, and the populations being scarred and torn.

By John Gordon

But they set their jaws grimly and held on. Their determination never faltered. Sentimentality went out of their nature as the months of horror piled up, and they became like steel.

Now we have reached the stage when if any Government proposed a peace with Germany—if such a Government were possible which it isn't—it would be hurled from power in an hour. Every man, woman and child in Britain is determined that this war shall not end until Hitler is in the dust, no matter how long it takes, no matter what sacrifices it needs. We are ready to give

all the time, the treasure, and even the lives necessary to achieve that.

But we do not think it will take so very long. We believe that although Hitler, by careful massing of his forces at selected places, can still pull off a dramatic coup or two, we have the measure of him now. We believe he has shot his bolt. We believe that the tide is on the turn.

Why are we so confident? I will tell you frankly. The Battle of the Atlantic has been a rough affair for us. But the losses are going down. We are getting the upper hand slowly but surely. The destruction or the immobilisation of those three great ships on which Hitler gambled so much as ocean raiders, Bismarck, Gneisenau, and Scharnhorst have saved the day for us. The smaller raiders, the U. Boats and the sea bombers, are lesser menaces and in due course, they will be mopped up.

The Mediterranean situation, complicated a little by the loss of Crete, is not so bad as it was in the week France fell, in spite of all that has happened. Hitler will never reach the Suez Canal. He will never succeed in closing the Mediterranean.

Hitler's greatest danger, the real reason why he is filling the world with phoney peace stories is a very simple one. Thanks to American aid, and to the fact that his bombers have not succeeded in slowing up production in Britain, in spite of all their efforts, the Air Force of Britain is now almost equal in strength to Germany's. And the full tide of production has not yet begun to flow either in Britain or America. That time is approaching.

Hitler gambled that Air Power would win him this war. Air Power is going to defeat him instead. He knows that and that is why he is so anxious to get peace talks going. It is he who has his back to the wall at this moment. Not Britain.

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PILOT DIED TO SPARE HOMES

A YOUNG R.A.F. pilot who had taken part in many bombing raids over Germany and invasion ports sacrificed his life to avoid crashing his plane on a seaside town on the South Coast.

He delayed baling out while he piloted the plane, from which smoke was pouring after an explosion, out to sea, where it dived to its doom. Despite a plucky attempt by an Army officer to rescue him, he was drowned.

The story was told at an inquest on Pilot Officer Adrian Courtney James, 28, of Ivywell Road, Sneyd Park, Bristol.

James Constantine said that when the plane was flying at a height of about 1,500 to 1,800ft. he heard an explosion. The plane rolled, appeared to be out of control and lost height.

Time To Jump

It then righted itself, although it continued to lose height and the volume of smoke increased. The machine finally turned off towards the sea, went into a vertical dive and plunged into the water.

"It seemed to me," said a witness, "that the pilot had plenty of time to jump for safety while he was still over the town, but rather than allow his machine to crash on to houses he steered out to sea."

Flight-Lieutenant Douglas Raymond said he agreed with that opinion. Second-Lieutenant Andrew Watson said he saw the pilot jump by parachute as the plane dived towards the sea.

Swam Out In Vain

"I ran to the beach and swam out towards him," he said. "When I reached him I found that he was slightly submerged, with the parachute floating uppermost. I tried to release the parachute harness but could not do so, and was obliged to return to the beach."

The coroner, recording a verdict of Death by misadventure, praised Second-Lieutenant Watson's rescue efforts.

Pilot-Officer James, who was single, was educated at Clifton College, Bristol.

While bombing at Ostend four months ago he had his foot crushed when a shell burst in the undercarriage of his plane.

His younger brother is a sub-lieutenant in the Navy.

CHURCHILL IN 1900

The American "Saturday Evening Post" has been looking up its first reference to Mr. Churchill. The date was January 27, 1900, and Mr. Churchill was war correspondent in South Africa. The "Evening Post" wrote:

"The one war correspondent in South Africa who has interested the world and made a distinguished reputation is Winston Spencer Churchill, whose mother is Lady Randolph Churchill, formerly Miss Jerome, of New York."

"Although a lieutenant in the British Army, Churchill went to South Africa as correspondent of the 'London Morning Post,' which is one of the aristocratic newspapers."

Deserved V.C.

The writer continued: "Churchill accompanied two detachments of troops on an armoured train in an attempt to get from Estcourt to Ladysmith, but four miles south of Colenso the train was derailed and the Englishmen were captured."

"The correspondent is supposed to be a non-combatant, but Churchill took full part in the scrimmage and one correspondent—a rival, by the way—wrote this sentence: 'Churchill behaved magnificently during the train disaster and deserves the V.C.'"

STAFF INHERIT A FIRM

Twenty employees of an oil firm have heard that "the governor" had left them his business.

The bequest was made by Mr. Charles Harold Reich, of Hove, and formerly of Fenchurch street, E.C.

About 43 years ago he founded the Ocean O.I. Company, Limited, to sell liquid fuel to shipping companies.

Many of the employees who have inherited the business joined him when he started, and were still working for him when he died last November at the age of 68.

His will has just been published.

Out of his estate of £158,000 he gave £300 outright to his wife, and a life interest in the residue.

He directed that after her death this residue of £155,000 shall be divided among the employees as the directors think fit, but that the directors themselves shall be excluded.

Mr. Ernest E. Mees, for many years general manager of the company, who had worked for Mr. Reich for 30 years, said that he and the other 19 members of the staff were very surprised when they heard that the business was to become theirs.

PALACE FIRE REHEARSAL

A large number of firemen took part in a fire-fighting rehearsal at Buckingham Palace recently.

MILLIONAIRE DUKE SAVED ESTATE £300,000

BY HIS ECONOMY as a millionaire the twenty-seven-year-old ninth Duke of Northumberland, who, as a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards was killed in France last year, realised in death his ambition in life to conserve the Percy estates.

Further grants of probate showed that by what he called "lightening his belt" he saved the estates £300,000. It was announced that probate had been granted for lands valued at £235,000 to make a total of £1,802,089, or £230,000 more than he inherited in 1930.

Because he was killed on active service the death duties will be discounted according to his expectation of life. This means that they will total about £230,000, instead of £690,000, with the result that the younger brother who succeeded him has been left more than was left by his father.

Closed His Castle

It was to conserve the estates that the ninth duke told his tenants of his decision to close the 200-roomed Alnwick Castle, in Northumberland, for 630 years the home of the Percys. It was from this feudal fortress that Harry Percy, the great Hotspur and Shakespeare's "valiant rebel"

sailed forth to fight the Earl of Douglas.

The duke made his home at Lesbury House, Alnwick, a twenty-roomed house on the estate. The castle became wartime home of Newcastle Church High School for Girls.

In his announcement the duke explained that earlier he had to sell property that had been in the family for centuries to pay death duties.

He said that the estate had paid death duties twice in twelve years, that when his father died in 1930, £1,000,000 was paid on an estate valued at £2,500,000. In 1918, when his grandfather died, the Exchequer took £180,000.

"I must tighten my belt," he said to his tenants. "No one is more alive to the value of tradition than I, but when it comes to a choice between the tradition of living in a castle and the tradition of doing one's best to maintain this estate there can be no hesitation."

WIMPEY IS SAFE

Wimpey, one of the last members of the R.A.F. to get out of Greece, has arrived safely back in Cairo after being flown across the Mediterranean.

The first thing this member of one of the crack British fighter squadrons did was devour a pork chop.

Wimpey is a two-month-old spaniel puppy.

FOUR OF FAMILY DIE IN BLAZE

A STOCKY MINER KISSED HIS WIFE GOODBYE WHEN HE LEFT HIS COTTAGE FOR A SWANSEA COLLIERY.

When he reached the pit-head he was told his wife and three young children had been burned to death.

Dead are Mrs. Gwyneth Evans, 29, of Vine-lane, Ystalyfera, and her three children, Mairwen, 4, Nan, 2, and William, 9 months. A neighbour told the "Daily Mirror": "Mrs. Evans kept a fire burning all night."

FUNERAL MUSIC—£50

Bequeathing £400 to her friend, Vernon Warner, Mrs. Beatrice Paulina Mudie-Cooke, of Porchester-terrace, London, W., who left £11,220 gross, directs in her will that he is to receive another £50 "if he plays my favourite Schumann or the Vivaldi at my cremation."

LONDON DIARY OF RACE AT 5 M.P.H. FOR 410 MILES

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CALL BY HITLER banging on window at 2.30 a.m. sharp. Crashing glass, rending wood, and muffled roar. Window fell out this time. Last time it fell on to bed.

Snapped on light. Instantly cursed myself for a fool, and snapped it off again. Felt way to passage and into street. All window frames in all houses dangling out. Cloud of dust at end of street.

Passed dust cloud (it tasted furry on the tongue), saw reeking gap in five-storey block of flats and half-shattered small houses.

No sign of life till stoutish middle-aged man crawled out of cellar hole and stood swaying on pile of rubble in road.

He kept muttering, "Don't know how I got out. . . don't know how I got out. . ." Asked him, "Anybody else in there?"

He said, "Yes, landlord, his wife and daughter."

"Down There!"

Turned towards cellar, but he grabbed my arm and, still swaying with shock, muttered, "Do me a favour, will you, mate? Go down there and fetch my coat and waistcoat."

"Down there" was a mass of rubble. At that moment another man with fire watch's armlet heaved himself out.

"It's no use," he said, "I've got one of them so far, but I'm afraid his back's broken, and he's in the way of the others." Luckily, rescue men began to arrive almost as he spoke.

Went over to fire in smashed blocks of flats. Beginning to be dangerous.

Could see gutted shop fronts all way down, and helpless shopkeepers pottering about with small belongings. Old man near was standing in doorway hugging framed oleograph.

Rescue men were suffering from heat, wiping sweat from faces. One, carrying limp girl, shouted "Door!" There were no stretchers yet. Someone found door to lay her on.

Under Fire

She was hurt, but smiled and said, "Funny. Thought I must have a cold all of a sudden. Then found it was blood from my nose."

Firemen now busy. The jets from their hoses looked punny against that furnace. Now and then half a wall would collapse.

German bomber was droning about, trying to improve fire. We flattened ourselves against wall several times, but his aim was wide.

When rescue men had brought out half a dozen or more alive, fresh party took over. Others stood about, wiping faces.

"Better hang around," they said, "There'll be people under that lot when the firemen get the flames out."

One of them chased away a small dog running over a glass-strewn street. "You'll get your paws cut," he said.

By five o'clock, flames had almost died away, and bomb crater was like boiling cauldron with steam hissing out.

Now, as I finish writing, there's hardly a sound except a thrush and several sparrows telling me it's a fine fine morning.

FILM STAR BREAKS 3 RIBS

Film actor George Raft broke three ribs and bruised his stomach in a fall from a 30ft. pole while playing the role of a power linesman in a rainstorm.—Reuter.

OLDEST CHORISTER KILLED

Mr. John Nutting, 86, formerly headmaster of Munster Road School, Fulham, S.W., killed during a recent air raid on London, had been a chorister for seventy-five years and was believed to have been the oldest in Britain.

MOVE TROOPS FOR RACING

Pioneers and Infantry have been temporarily removed from their quarters to permit racing during the summer, stated the Financial Secretary, War Office.

'CHUTE MAN IS TOUGH

Driving along a country road in his car, an R.A.F. officer pulled up at the sight of a khaki-clad figure waving him to a standstill.

It was a strange man who ran round to the door of the car. Though obviously a British soldier, his uniform was hardly standard pattern, and he had traces of parachute harness still on him.

The officer was even more amazed when the soldier sharply ordered him out of the car. He was angry, and refused to obey the order, and was just about to give the soldier a lesson in discipline when he was met by a beautiful right-hand punch to the jaw and deposited in a hedge. His car vanished.

A Tough Bunch

When the officer reported the incident, he was told that it was only one of Britain's parachute army carrying out a manoeuvre. Told that on landing he had to reach a given spot by a certain time and prove by phone that he had got there, he had commanded the first car that came his way.

Britain has more would-be parachutists than she knows what to do with. In some units more than 50 per cent. of the men volunteered for these duties.

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As reins cannot be used, most competitors train an old dog, or two dogs, to lead the team, with the younger dogs harnessed behind. A good leader has an instinctive knowledge of the best route to take.

CLEAR WIFE OF ADMIRAL

After a five-day hearing in secret, Mrs. Christabel Sybil Caroline Nicholson, 50, a doctor, and wife of a British Admiral, was found not guilty at the Old Bailey the other day of offences under the Official Secrets Act.

Dr. Nicholson was committed from Bow Street two months ago, but according to the prison calendar she had been in custody since May last year.

She is the wife of Admiral Wilmot Stuart Nicholson, who is 69, and retired in 1930.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	2866	Junction of Un Chau Street and Fat Tseung Street, Cheung Sha Wan	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 18,360	\$252 \$1,016

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,102.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	4311	Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road & Mok Cheung Street, Ma Tau Chung	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About \$14,600 \$170 \$11,150	

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CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

NO. 51

By The Four Aces

We don't really like to sermonise, but to-day's crime hand clearly points a moral:

South, Dealer North-South vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠ A J 9 6 5 4		♠ K Q 10 7 3	
♥ Q J 7 4		♥ —	
♦ J 7		♦ 10 9 5 4 2	
♣ —		♣ 6 3 2	

WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 8 2		♠ —	
♥ 9 8 5 2		♥ A K 10 6 3	
♦ J 7 6 3		♦ A K 8	
♣ A 10 9		♣ K Q 8 5 4	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the eight of spades, and South saw a chance to win thirteen tricks. He won the first trick with the spade Ace, cashed the diamond Queen, and ruffed a low spade. The Ace and King of diamonds allowed South to discard dummy's clubs, and then South led a low club and ruffed in dummy.

A low spade was returned from the North hand, and South ruffed with the heart six. But West over-ruffed with the eight of hearts, and West then returned a trump. After this return, South could not manage to win the rest of the tricks but was set one trick.

Be sure you see the right crime before you read on, for there's more than one misdeed concealed in the story we have just told.

South was the criminal, of course, and his chief crime consisted in trying to win thirteen tricks. Instead of trying to discard dummy's clubs and cross-ruff, he should have conceded a trick to the club Ace, drawn trumps, and won twelve tricks with ease.

But even if South decided to cash the diamonds and play for a cross-ruff, he should have ruffed the third round of spades with the ten of hearts. He could then continue by ruffing a club with dummy's remaining low heart, and from then on he could cross-ruff with trump honours. That line of play would produce twelve tricks without risk.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 9 3	
♥ K 10 4	
♦ K 6	
♣ J 9 8 7	

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid three Hearts. Sooner or later you must show support for the hearts, and this is the best time to do so. The

jump to three hearts indicates that you have a fairly good hand; two hearts would indicate a very weak hand.

Score 100% for three hearts, 40% for two no-trump, 30% for three no-trump, 20% for two hearts.

Question No. 765

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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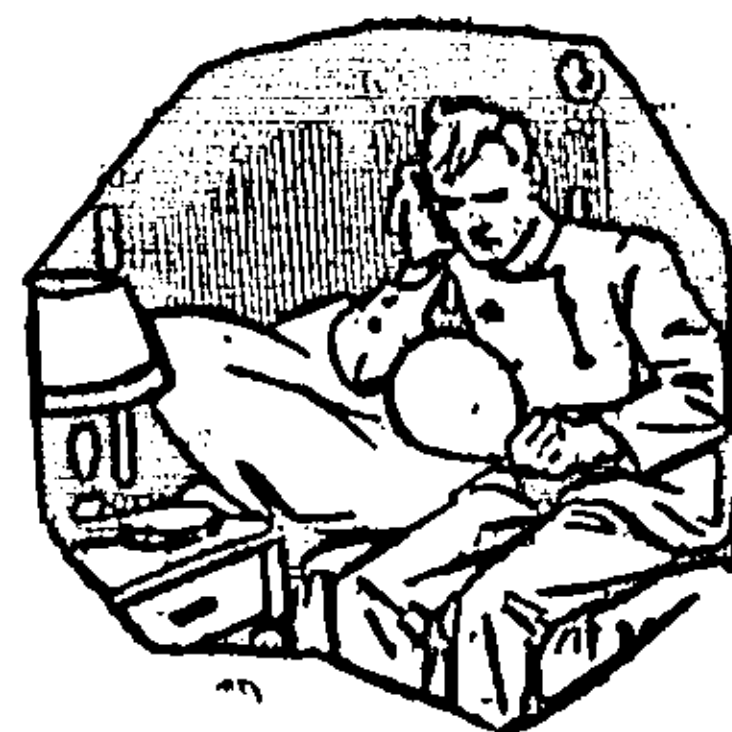
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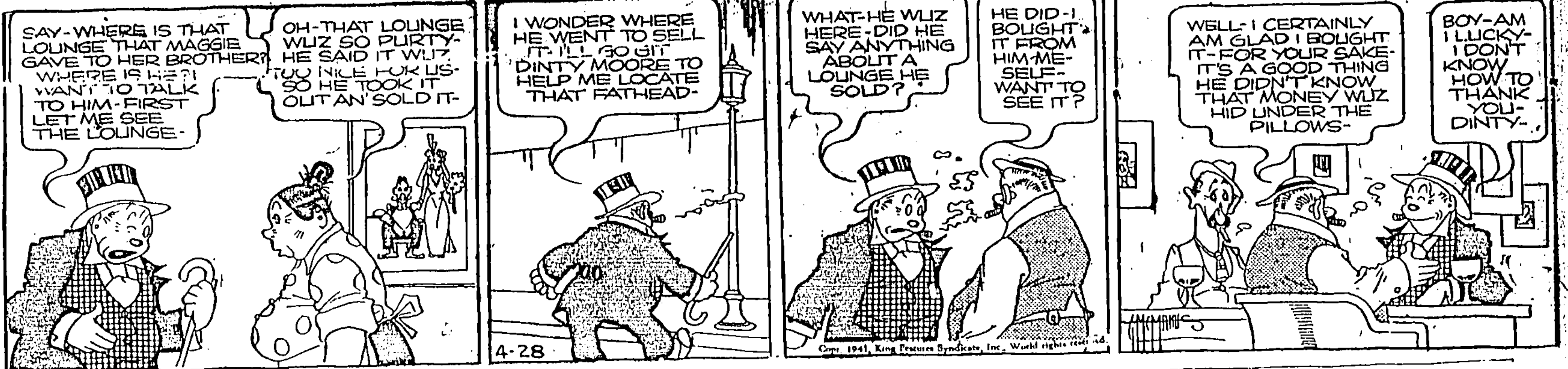
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12.30 p.m. Vaughan Williams-Serenade to Music.

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12.47 p.m. Cello Solos by Emanuel Feuermann.
Hill Bright Smile Haunts Me Still (Wright)
Nocturne in E Flat (Chopin Op. 9 No. 2)
Orientele (Rachmaninov Op. 30 No. 9).

1.00 p.m. Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m. The Organ, The Dance Band and Me, and Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots-Never Took a Lesson in My Life.
The Nearness of You.
The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.

Tango El Que A Hiciera Mata.
Siempre Unidos.
Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trot-All over the Place.
Quick-Step-Cheerful.
The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m. Vocal and Instrumental Variety.
Love Song of Benaldo; When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano; Tony Martin (Vocal) with Orchestral.
Alexander Beregovsky (Violin) with Orchestral.

Get Out of Town (Porter); I Won't Tell a Soul (Parker, Charles); Frances Langford (Vocal) with Victor Young and his Orchestra.

Life in Spain (Nielsen); Water, Candy and Liquor (Chavez); Zabaleta; Sierra Sue (Carey); Only Forever (Donny Dennis) (Vocal).

2.15 p.m. Close down.

6.00 p.m. Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m. Closing Local Stock Quotations.

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6.47 p.m. Dance Music.

Fox-Trot-I Hear Bluebirds; Quickstep-Humpel-Stilts-Kin Arthur Young & Hatchett's Swingtette.

Fox-Trots-Castle of Dreams; You've Got Me Out On a Limb (both from 'Irene') The Casa Loma Orch.
Conga Nueva Conga; Rumba Rumba Rumbero; Xavier Cugat & his Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.

Fox-Trots-Follow Your Shadow; You're Breaking My Heart All Over Again The New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

Quickstep-My Kind of Music (from 'Top of the World'); Rhumbaogie Lew Stone & his Band.
Fox-Trots-I Bought A Wooden Whistle; Devil May Care; Jimmy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

Waltz If Tears Could Bring You Back; Fox-Trot-I'll Never Make the Same Mistake Again The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.

7.30 p.m. Film Selections.

'The Girl of the Golden West'-Sun-up to Sundown (Kahn-Romberg).
Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestral.
'Manhattan Music Box'-Selection: 'Love and Hises'-Selection: Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and his Boy Friends.

'Paradise for Two' Kiss Me Good-night; In a Paradise for Two (Vocal) with Orchestra; Patricia Ellis.

'King Revel' Selection. Felix Mendelssohn & his Orchestra.
'Mayfair Melody'-Without the Moon; San Diego Betty Keith Falkner (Baritone) with Orchestra.

8.00 p.m. London Relay-The News.

8.15 p.m. London Relay-War Commentary.

8.25 p.m. London Relay - "Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m. Charlie Kunz (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).
The Whistler And His Dog (Pryor) Robinson Cleaver.

Kunz Revivals, No. 20-Intro: You Are My Lucky Star; I've Got a Feeling You're Fooling; She's Funny That Way; Did You Ever Have a Feeling You're Flying; A Little Dash of Dublin; Everything's in Rhythm with My Heart; Charlie Kunz.

Canadian Capers (White & others); Ceardas (Monti); Robinson Cleaver.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley, No. D. 43-Intro; Goodnight Again; When the Blackbird Says Bye Bye; Ferryboat Serenade; Trade Winds; Our Love Affair; Maybe; Charlie Kunz with Rhythm Accomp.

Medley-Intro: Ca C'est Paris; Harbour Lights; Massed Bands of the Guards; Boo-Hoo; Little Old Lady of Poverty Street; Red, White and Blue Robinson Cleaver.

9.00 p.m. Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

9.02 p.m. Light Orchestral Selections.
Love's Dream After The Ball (Czibulka); Mandoline Orchestra.
Czardas (Grossmann, arr. Kotelly); Voices of Spring (J. Strauss); Ferdy Kauffman & his Orchestra.

9.15 p.m. London-'Allied Occasions'.
International All Star Cabaret.
9.45-10.00 p.m. News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m. Brahms-Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98.
1st Movement: Allegro non troppo; 2nd Movement: Andante; 3rd Movement: Allegro giocoso; 4th Movement: Allegro energico e passionato The Saxon State Orchestra.

11.00 p.m. London - O. M. Green's Newsletter.

11.15 p.m. Close down.

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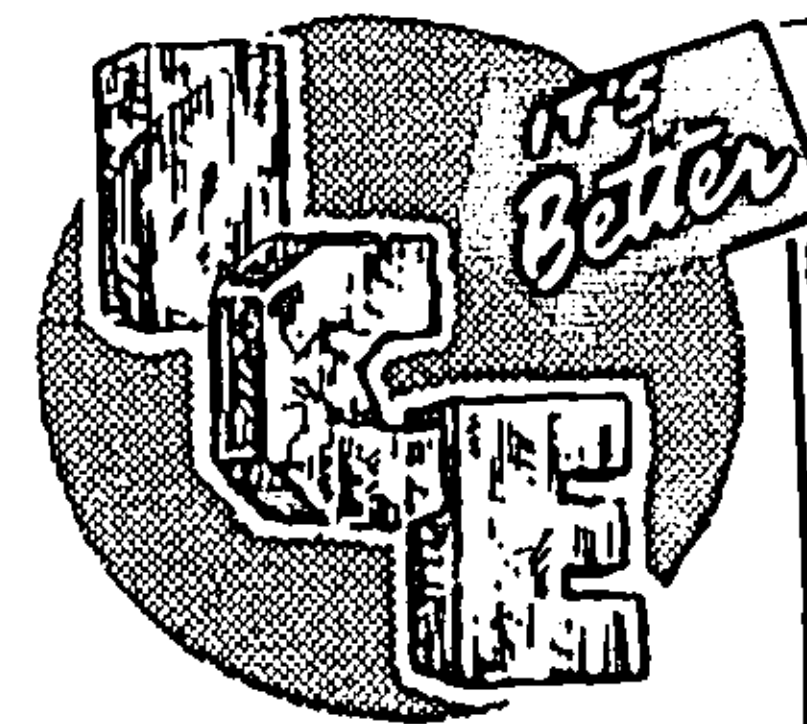
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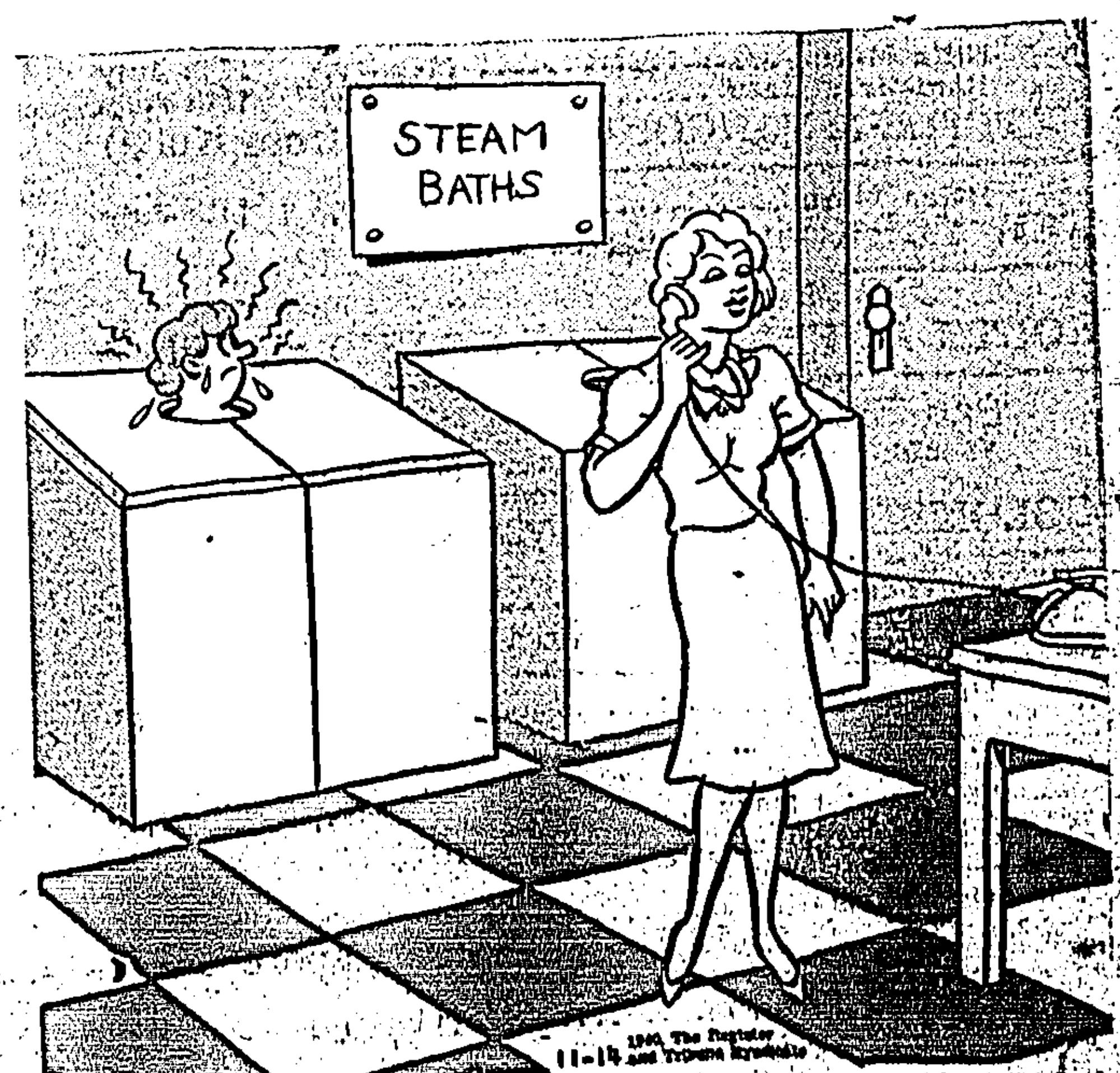
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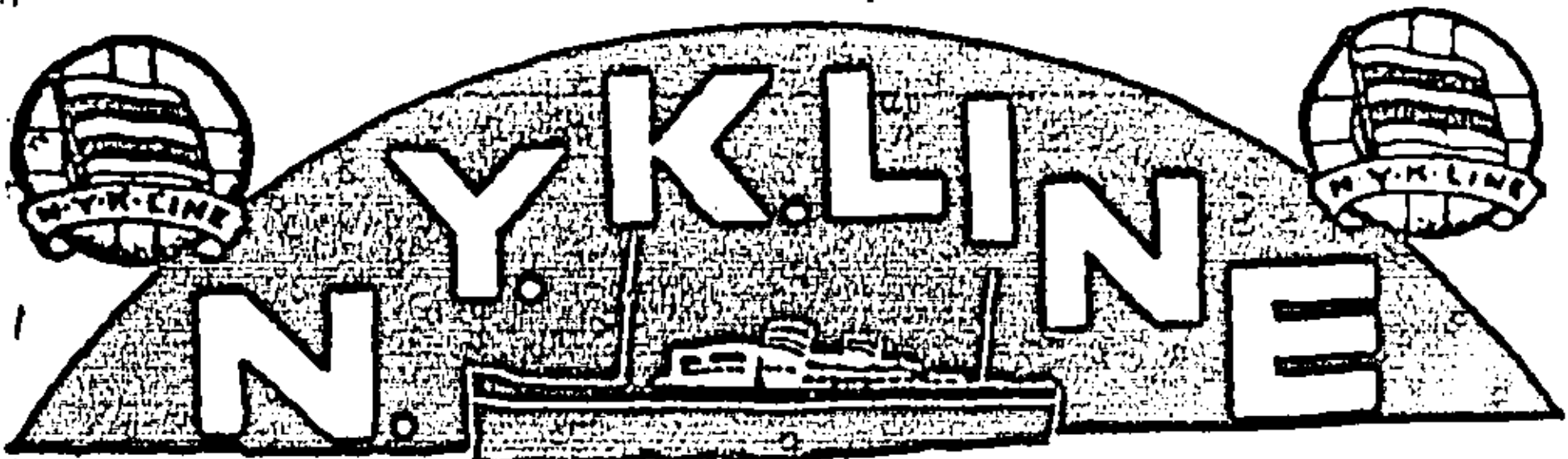
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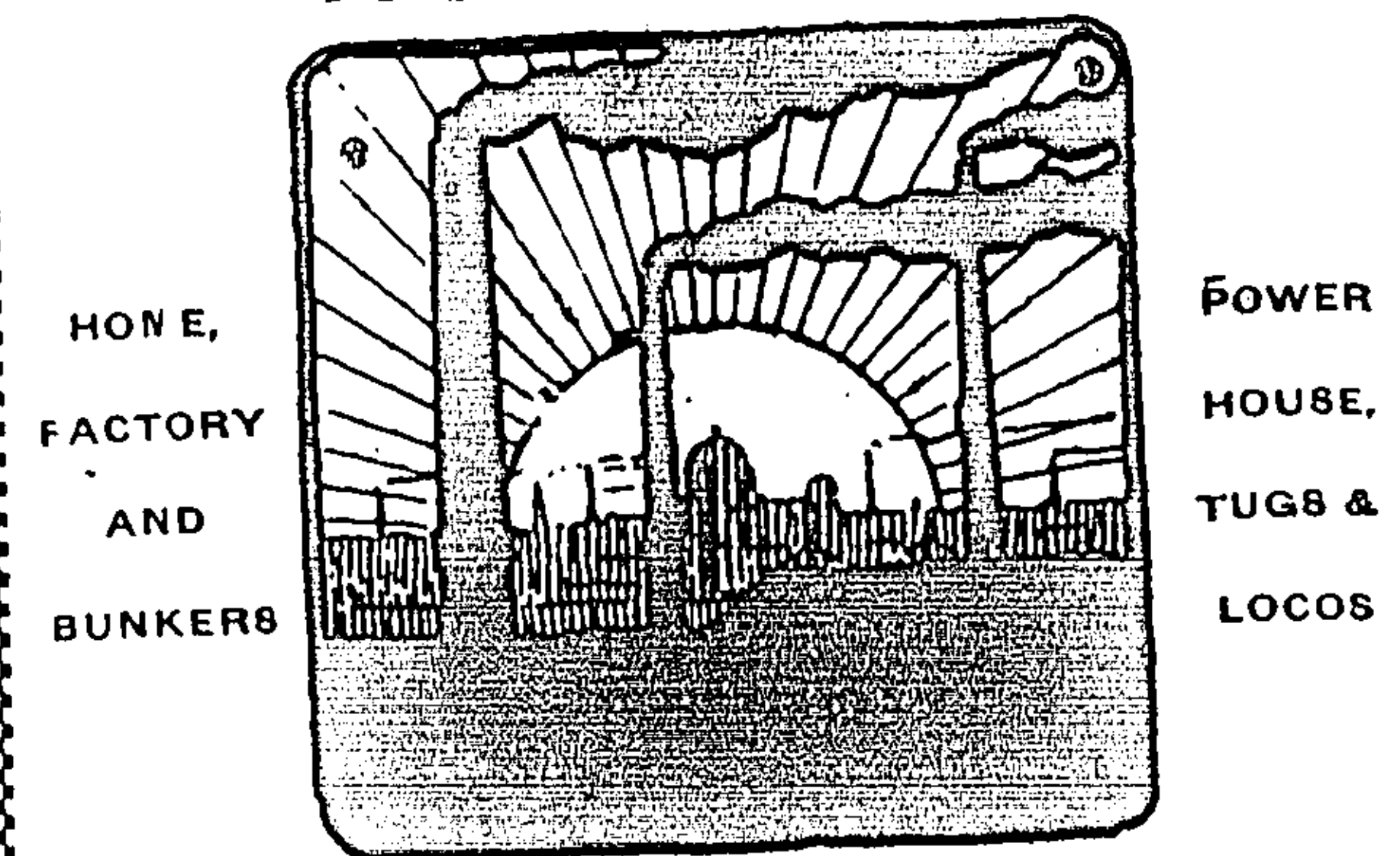
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RAKUSEN'S UNCANNY DRAWING

By "Skip"

ALTHOUGH MOST LAWN BOWLERS GAVE UP HOPE OF A GAME WHEN THE SKIES BECAME VERY BLACK JUST ABOUT STARTING TIME LAST SATURDAY, I HEARD OF ONE PLAYER WHO WON A BET THAT THE GAME WOULD BE PLAYED. HE WAS RIGHT, OF COURSE, BUT HIS PLEASURE IN WINNING THE BET WAS NO MORE THAN THAT OF THE OTHER 311 PLAYERS WHO GOT THEIR GAME WHEN THERE SEEMED SO LITTLE HOPE.

According to my forecast in last Saturday's "China Mail," there were no upsets in the First or Third Divisions, but I found rather indigestible, the tin hat which I promised to eat if Kowloon Football Club did not beat their Hong Kong friends! Prison Officers also upset my calculations in this division by severely trouncing Craigengower. In First Division Craigengower did themselves a little bit of all right, so to speak, by their 100 per cent. victory over Club de Recreio "A", their margin of 27 shots being very convincing.

Police, for whom Shepherd lost for the first time this season, nearly came a cropper against Indians, but the other wins in this division were pretty definite.

Hong Kong Cricket Club and Kowloon Tong won as anticipated in Second Division, whilst there were a couple of sweep-winning victories in Third Division, Kowloon Bowling Green Club having the biggest win of the day and Kowloon Football Club the next best, their opposite numbers from the Valley being their victims. Craigengower's victory over the champions was certainly an unexpectedly big one, especially in view of the fact that the ultimate losers held their own for fully a third of the game. But then a decided rot set in. Luz, who had blanked Charlie Rossetti whilst he was scoring nine in the first four or five heads, could not score again until his adversary had added no less than a couple of dozen shots, including a count of 6. The home four, once they got into this raking stride, were out-bowling their opponents' men for man. Gaddi, a comparative newcomer to the team, added his quota in this revival, I am told; he is playing very well.

Bradbury And Coates Responsible For Win

BRADBURY and C. G. Silva had a close game most the way until a nap hand gave the homester a definite ascendancy which he retained. A couple of Joes in Leonard and Luz had a great game as leads here, and the home man had a slight edge, but it was Alf Coates and Bradbury himself who made victory possible.

In spite of a count of seven, "Spuggy" could make no impression on Omar, but it must be said that the big count came when all was over bar the shouting, for he was trailing 29/11 with only a couple of heads to go!

The big score was made possible by a brilliant shot from Jackie Noronha, third man to Silva, for he picked out the enemy's nearest wood—probably the first shot to lay 6. The visiting skip added one, and Omar was a shade narrower in his efforts to save. Had he trailed the kitty, a useful score would have gone to his side instead of the opposition, I am told.

Here nearly the two leads were evened, BUT K. M. OMAR OUTSHONE ALL THE OTHER SEVEN MEN ON VIEW. Dick Bass, who rarely have played such a poor game.

Rakusen's Brilliance Alone Brings Victory

KOWLOON Cricket Club came back to winning form at the expense of the Civil Servants, only "Arthur" Rakusen winning for the visitors.

WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE RAKUSEN AS IT WAS HE ALONE WHO GAINED THE VICTORY. HIS GAME WAS ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT EXHIBITIONS OF SKIPPING SEEN ON THE COX'S ROAD GREEN. On only two heads did he fail, and these resulted in his losing a game of fours.

He played only one heavy wood all afternoon the rest of his game being simply and solely a drawing one, and how he drew through pots, only as big as the eye of a needle—so to speak—was uncanny!

For Madar, Bertie Guest had a slight advantage over McKay as lead, whilst Parsons was far better than his opponent Both Muteahy and Ebbage were patchy—brilliant at times—but Tommy Madar, as my previous remarks will convey, could make no impression on Rakusen.

Teddy Fincher had an excellent lead in Perry and this early advantage plus his own success, especially with pound-on shots, enabled him to get the better of Simmonds by 10 shots. The latter did not have very much support, except from Elliott Purvis, but he was useful for only about half the game.

Bebington had a comfortable victory over McGowan but, although he was very steady himself, it was George Taylor who took the eye mostly. He played his best game in what is proving to be a good season for him.

Greig Makes Welcome Return As Skip

KOWLOON Dock were never in the running against their old friends Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Adam Holland's re-arranged rink playing havoc with Ferguson's right from the start to ease the minds of the other two rinks, who were not having matters all their own way. Malcolm Ferguson, in spite of his big defeat—he was 29/4 to the bad at one time—played a very good game, but the odds were too heavy and an ultimate loss by 16 was a just reflection of the run of the game.

The two leads on the second rink, Phillips and Thom, were fairly evenly matched with the home one having a slight edge, but Lovett was the mainstay of his rink, ably abetted by McKelvie, his skip. There was only one in-it at the 12th head, but the Austin Road four forged ahead then.

Willie Greig, who has not played League bowls for some time—possibly a couple of seasons—made his debut as skip against A.L. Hall, for whom Bob Duncan appeared as No. 3 for the first time. The debutant skip had the best result in losing by only 7 shots against a strong combination. The first two Dock men, McMaster and Mackie, were brilliant. Lockhart and White and they gave Duncan and Hall plenty of opportunities to shine.

Dallah Might Have Saved Match

AT Happy Valley, Police pulled off a very narrow win against Indians, Shepherd's 3 at the last head meaning a win by one more. This hitherto unbeaten skip lost to Dallah by 9 shots.

SOUTAR'S ACCURATE LENGTH

Only one lawn bowls match was played yesterday, this being a Colony Pairs Championship match in which W. H. E. Colledge and E. Kirman were beaten 23-15 by W. Harris and A. Soutar.

Colledge and his partner played well at the start but then Harris and Soutar got into their stride, particularly Soutar who found a very accurate length, and they turned the scores from 3-9 against them at the 9th to 13-11 in their favour at the 13th after scoring 10 shots at 3 ends, including a 6 at the 13th.

From this point onwards they could not do wrong and after giving away a single went off again to register another 9 at the next 4 ends.

Scores were as follows:—

Harris & Soutar 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 3 1

Colledge & Kirman 1 1 1 1 0 1 3 0 2

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and the conqueror was well worthy of his success. He played such a remarkably good game throughout that it is almost unkind to mention that had he been "up amongst 'em" with his last wood he might have saved the game. But he wasn't very short anyway. The south-pawed Khan came into his game after a rather lean season, and his work at lead, against so steady a player as McLeod, helped Dallah considerably. Harris was again good for Shepherd, but Dallah has gone off the last couple of games and was not so good. Shepherd was.

Ted Post and Forrest made possible Jock Fender's win against Abbas, who was well supported by his right-hand man, A. M. Rumlahn. Fender was erratic, whilst Orem has not found his touch—or is it his hand legs—yet.

Mair and Minu were evenly matched until the last half-dozen heads, on all of which, except a dead one, the home skip scored to give him victory by 7 shots.

Peckham Makes Good With Aid Of Sykes

GUY'S rink could do little right over at King's Park with the result that the other two rinks never had much chance of making a game of it. Peckham, who was up against Charlie Silva in accordance with my wishful thinking, made good, in fact he and Len Sykes excelled themselves, and this rink had the only visiting win. Johnny Remedios played his usual good game as third man to Silva, but the latter somehow did not seem too happy as skip.

"Doc" Tony Guterres and Meyer had a great fight with the former worthily winning by five shots. Two excellent leads in Xavier and Morton shared the honours as did Eddie Souza and A. Kins. In fact the same may be said of the other players with the qualification that the home skip's pound-on shots, which were excellent, turned the scales in his favour.

On one occasion, with the visitors counting three beauties, he came up like a ton of bricks, shifted all three and got three himself. Clever stuff. Little can be said about John Basto's win against Guy, except that man for man they were all over the opposition WITH LOPES, AS THIRD MAN, REALLY DEADLY.

FRASER'S BIG PART IN NISH'S 34-12 WIN

By "Skip"

MORE uncertainty! Nish and Rosario score at eighth head 13-12 to Nish after conceding a six. Final score 34-12 to Nish! Star turn in this exhibition—for that is what it became—was J. A. FRASER HIS LEAD. HE COULD NOT KEEP AWAY FROM THE JACK.

"Edgar"—inevitably—Wallis had another big win with Herbert Randall as his victim—and has won all his five matches to date.

In spite of a good lead's display by Rosa, who covered himself with glory and his woods with chalk, Coelho lost to K. C. Hamilton by a few shots.

There seemed a certain amount of reluctance to win on the part of both of these skips, for they spent most of their time in giving each other shots!

There was a thrilling finish to the game between Indians and Police at Sookunpoo, the former taking revenge for the defeat inflicted on their big brothers. Wahab, erstwhile First Division player, was the hero of the match, his last wood snatching a couple of points for his side. It was his rink's win by 8 which carried the day also.

KEN ROBERTSON'S RINK DISPLAY ALMOST INTERPORT STANDARD

By "Skip"

ONE HEARS A LOT OF THE UNCERTAINTIES OF CRICKET, BUT THE UNCERTAINTIES OF OUR GAME ARE NOT SO FAR BEHIND—WHICH LOOKS LIKE THE BASIS OF AN ARTICLE ONE OF THESE DAYS! BUT REALLY I AM LEADING UP TO KERN'S DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF KEN ROBERTSON'S RINK IN SECOND DIVISION ON SATURDAY.

This same rink of his, Naef, Eastman, and Downan startled the bowls word the previous week by scoring a "possible" at the very first head—and on Saturday they scored a total of 6 shots during the whole game.

And let me add right away that it was not Ernie Kern's fault that he lost; not by any means, for he played an excellent game throughout; but you blow against a typhoon.

This Hong Kong Football Club rink was absolutely deadly all the way down. Shaw, as lead, played a really inspiring game, Jan Pearce slipped one or two more in, as requested, and "Brooky" has not played better this season. Robertson, when he didn't block, was drawing beautifully to complete a rink that was playing almost interport bowls.

Younghusband was skipping again, and he had a pretty useful win against Jake Selby, who was skipping for the first time in the League since his return from holiday. Young Tony Lapsley was in good trim as lead to the visiting skip and he had the measure of Coleman, who was substituting for Howell.

Vic Chittenden was the backbone of Simpson's rink which just managed to scrape home against Willie Macfarlane, by two shots.

Bagley Red-Hot

PERHAPS I should have given pride of place to the game at Stanley, where Prison Officers not only beat Craigengower but rubbed it in pretty severely. Bagley, who played with his other arm still in plaster, was red-hot against Bill Way's quartette and won by 20 which, just by way of over weight included—no puns intended—a four and a five at the last two heads. He had had similar counts earlier on in the game. McCutcheon also got a nap hand at the last head, Tommy Lock being his victim, but he won by only that margin, which gives an idea of the evenness of the game throughout. It was the three who shone in this game, both George Foster and Ernie Zimmermann playing excellently. It was touch and go on the other rink, too, only Gowler's scores at the last couple of heads enabling him to get the better of "Doc" Karanjia.

Brown Excels

A NICE sporting gesture on the part of a Portuguese player was the fact that he specially sent me a message asking me to pay tribute to a player in the opposite team. A. W. Brown, of Hong Kong Cricket Club.

Phoon Outstanding

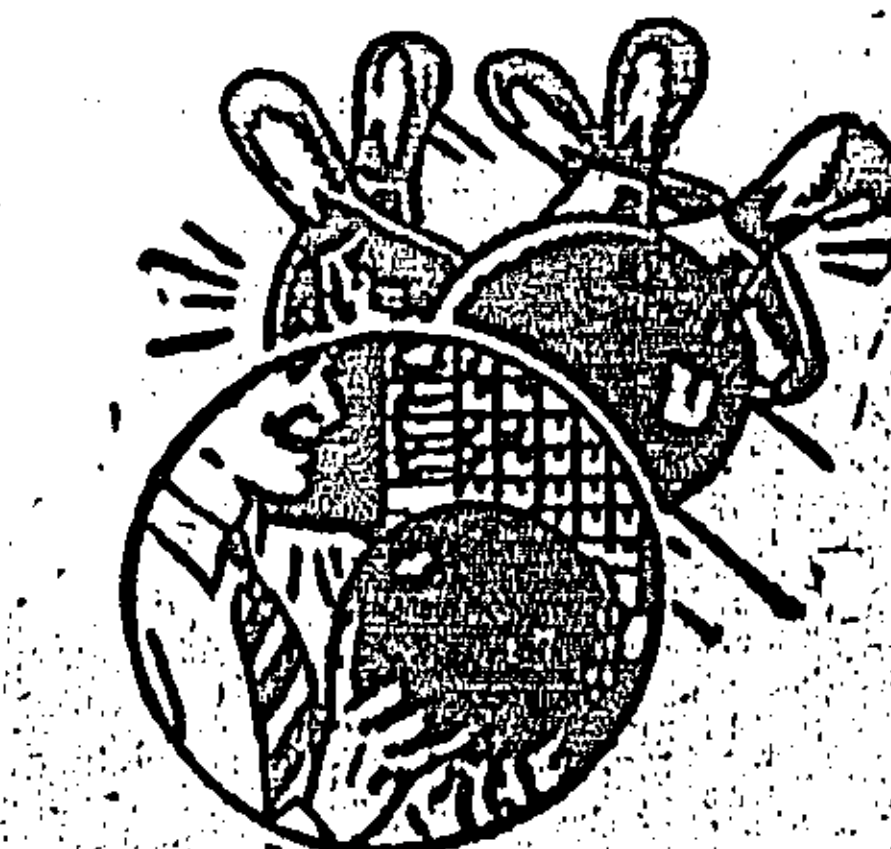
THERE was never very much in it between Kowloon Tong and Kowloon Cricket Club on the suburban club's green, but the home team stayed the distance better, a six to Stephens at the 16th head making a vital difference to his rink and the match. The team were five down at that stage—he being four of them—but he actually finished up with the biggest win, Norman Mackay could not hold Tribble for the first few heads, but thereafter he was nearly always having the better of him.

I have nothing about the game between Kew and Carr, which the former won by four shots, but I hear that the Spary v. Meadows battle was a good one with a new player in Phoon playing an outstanding game as second man to Spary. Gray was beating Harry Gittins, the home lead, but—Phoon usually levelled matters. Meadows' pound-on shots were dangerous, and he secured a useful second shot at the last to win by one, by this method.

At the previous head Spary had a great chance of pulling the game out of the fire, but I am told he appeared to play the wrong hand, leaving the other one open for his opponent, who did not let the opportunity pass.

Scots and English-North-East-Coasters often get heated over controversies each claiming their part of the world as the home of soccer. It is interesting to note, however, that Notts County is the oldest League Football Club in the world.

Whose idea was it for football referees to use whistles? Prior to 1873 small flags were used by referees for signalling purposes, but for a match on the Nottingham Forest ground a suitable flag could not be found. Abandoning the search, an official of the Club had a brain wave. He produced a whistle and thereby started a then "revolution" in signalling and control of matches.

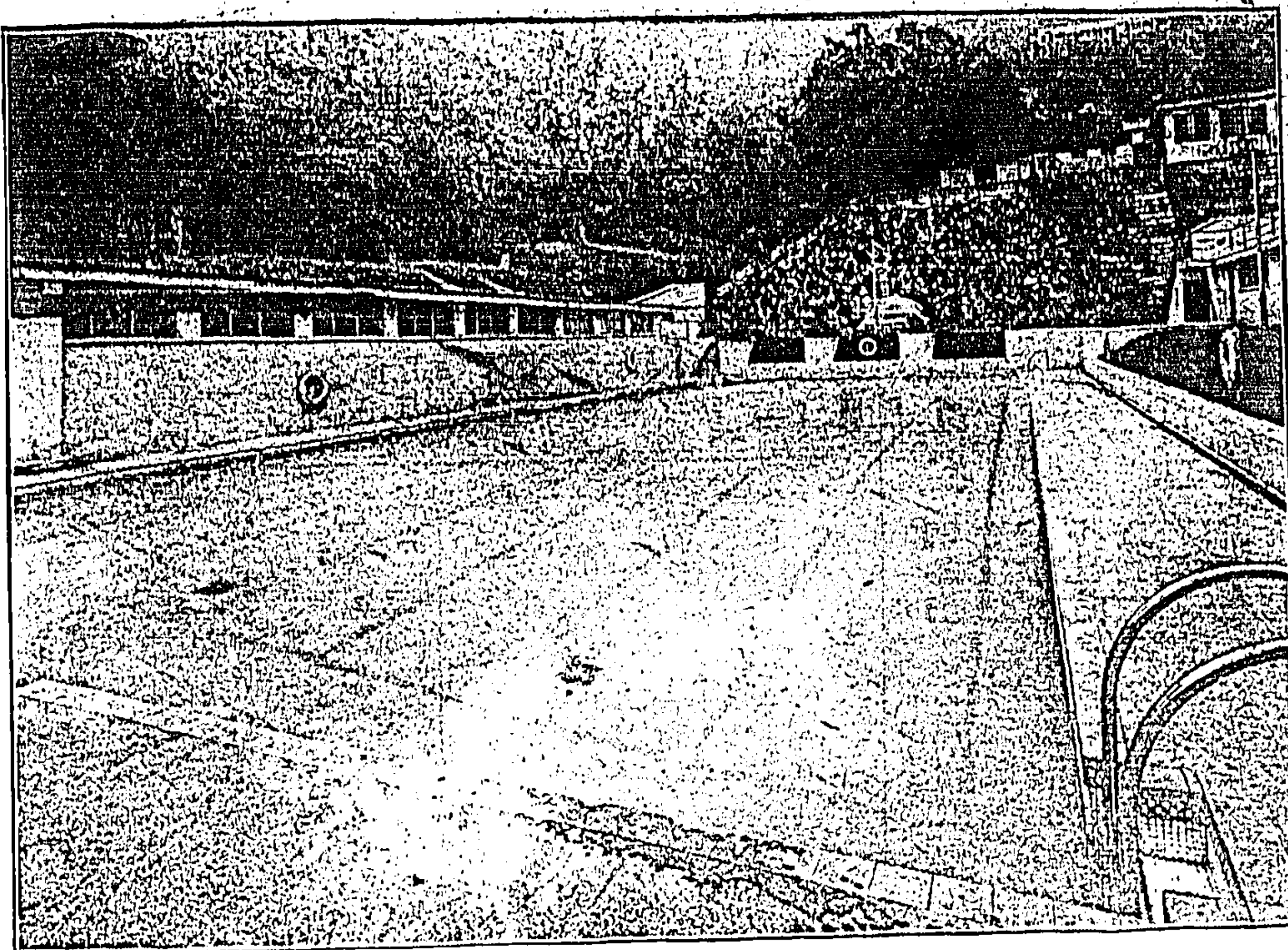


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BRENTFORD CAPTAIN SEVERELY CENSURED

AT A FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION EMERGENCY MEETING RECENTLY, J. JAMES, CAPTAIN OF BRENTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB, WAS SEVERELY CENSURED FOR LACK OF DUTY IN NOT INSISTING UPON HIS PLAYERS ACCEPTING THE DECISION OF THE REFEREE TO CONTINUE PLAY.

POOR RESPONSE FROM SCHOOLS TO V.R.C. PLAN

The meeting called by Victoria Recreation Club for representatives of the different schools intending to participate in the forthcoming swimming gala open to boys and girls of the Colony's schools, held at the Clubhouse last evening, did not receive a very encouraging response, the only representatives attending being those from Diocesan Boys' School and St. Joseph's College.

In spite of this, however, details for the meeting were discussed, Mr. Lionel Roza-Pereira, Hon. Secretary of the Club, presiding.

It was decided that the date for the gala be August 23, with the first event on the programme timed to start at 7 p.m. Heats will be held on August 18 and 19, but the Committee has reserved the right to cancel any event for which insufficient entries have been received. Entries close on July 31, and these should be forwarded to V.R.C. Pennants, presented by the club, will be awarded to the winners of the different events and no individual competitor will be allowed to take part in more than two events on the programme excluding the diving and relay races.

Competitors entering for the Junior events will have to be under 15 years of age and must not be taller than 5 ft. 1 in. They will be officially measured at the club prior to the heats. An entrance fee of 30 cents will be charged on the day of the finals and it was decided to hold a further meeting on August 5 in order to discuss any matter that may crop up between now and that date.

TO-NIGHT'S GALA

The Government Inter-Departmental swimming gala will be held at European "Y" this evening commencing at 9 p.m. when a very interesting programme will be carried out, including a water-polo match between the "Y" and Government, and a 25 Yards Night Shirt and Candle Race for Talpans. Following the swimming a dance will be held in the West Lounge, when music will be provided by the Hong Kong Hotel orchestra. Admission is by ticket, at \$1.50 each, proceeds being in aid of the Bomber Fund.

Eddie Marques, former Colony breast-stroke swimming champion, has quite a few pupils under his wing at Victoria Recreation Club, including a number of the club's lady novices. He is putting them through their paces by teaching them the correct method of kicking, and for this purpose makes them "paddle" up and down the bath with boards specially made for "kicking lessons."

SHANGHAI SWIMMING LOSS

Shanghai's "Three Musketeers" will not be swimming this year as Toby Gavriloff is now in Australia, while Archie Logan and Lou Oliveira have decided to retire.

OFFICERS WIN OVER OTHER RANKS

The very keen friendly rivalry that was so evident at the Royal Scots "Inter-Mess" swimming gala at the Army pool last evening made the event an exceedingly enjoyable affair when Officers, thanks mainly to Capt. Dunlop and Lieuts. Millar and Hunter, finished well ahead of the other ranks.

Members of Victoria Recreation Club added to the evening's enjoyment when some of their leading swimmers gave an exhibition in a medley race. Results were as follows:

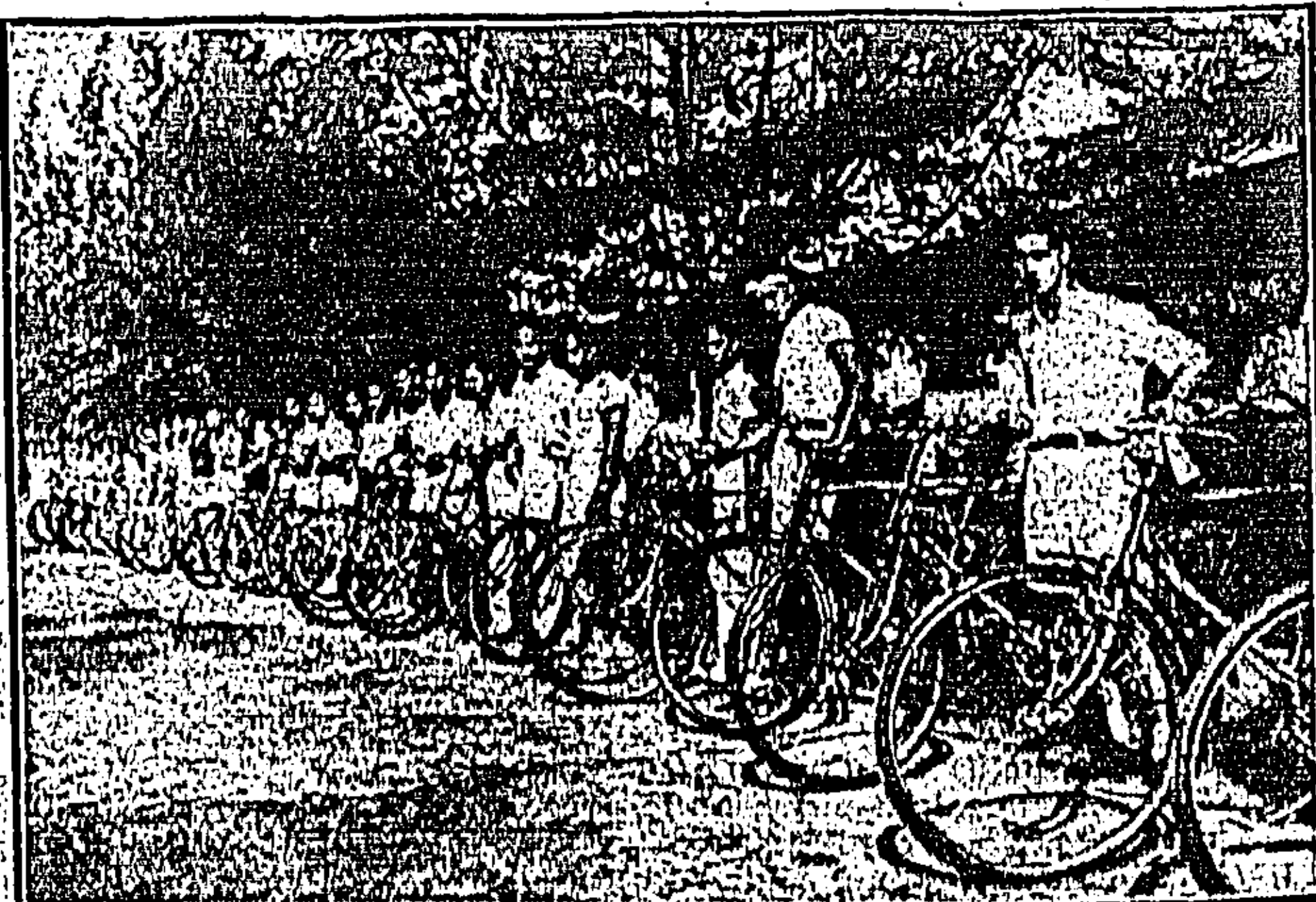
Eight Lengths Relay:—1. Officers; 2. Privates; 3. Corporals; 4. Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Time: 3 0.2/5. Novelty Race:—1. Privates; 2. Warrant Officers and Sergeants; 3. Corporals; 4. Officers. Time: 2. 41. Six Lengths Medley Relay:—1. Privates; 2. Officers; 3. Warrant Officers and Sergeants; 4. Corporals. Time: 2. 43-4/5.

100 Yards:—1. Corporals; 2. Officers; 3. Privates; 4. Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Time: 1. 15.2/5.

Novelty Race:—1. Warrant Officers and Sergeants; 2. Officers; 3. Corporals; 4. Privates. Time: 2. 24/5.

Medley Relay:—1. Corporals; 2. Officers; 3. Privates; 4. Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Time: 3 mins. 11.4/5 secs.

Water-Polo:—Officers 1 (Hunter) v. Corporals 1 (Morrison). Officers: Major S. White; Lieut. Hunter, Capt. Bennett; Lieut. Millar, Lieut. Pinkerton, Capt. Dunlop, Capt. Glasgow. Corporals: L/Cpl. Bankier; L/Cpl. Brown, L/Cpl. Morris; L/Cpl. Hunter, Cpl. Sutherland, L/Cpl. Emmerson, L/Cpl. Edge.



Just before the start of the 25-mile bicycle time-trial race at Teun Wan last Wednesday. A. Sandberg, of La Salle College, who won in 1 hr. 39 mins. 21 sec., is seen second from the right, with a hand round his forehead. There were 39 starters, all of whom completed the course. (Mayfair Studio).

PONSFORD'S TRAGIC MISS IN TEST AT MELBOURNE: TRAP FAILS

H. L. "HORSESHOE" COLLINS, FORMER AUSTRALIAN TEST CAPTAIN, IS NOW WRITING HIS REMINISCENCES FOR THE "SYDNEY SUN," AND IN THE FIRST CHAPTER IS A REAL GEM OF A STORY:

On a sweltering day in January, 1924, the Australian Test team, of which I was captain, sat in our dressing-room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Australian cricket was maintaining its post-war peak at that time.

We, however, still had one great problem—to break up England's opening partnership, Hobbs and Sutcliffe—and early.

Sutcliffe from a ball on his body, had a beautiful swinging shot to the leg-side.

catch me again that way, Bert." After that let-off, Sutcliffe went on to bat for two days, I think he scored around 170.

Ponsford spent the same two days apologising to Gregory and myself. All Gregory said was, "That's still luck."

Ponsford later told us that as the ball was coming at him, he remembered muttering to himself, "After all this planning, I mustn't miss this."

I have often thought since that it would have been better had Ponsford had to run to make that catch. He wouldn't have then had time to think.

Trap Suggested

"What about it, Jack," I said to Jack Gregory, "if we try to trap him?"

Jack Gregory was to be opening bowler. He picked up his ears at any scheme which would save him perhaps hours of hard labour sending them down at the sickening brickwall bats of Hobbs and Sutcliffe.

So the team worked out a trap. It was this: Sutcliffe's shot used to send a lofted ball just behind the square-leg umpire. Gregory was to pitch the fourth ball of his first over on the short side. This would tempt Sutcliffe.

Ponsford's Part

Unseen by the batsman, Ponsford was to move from his usual place at the leg line to well out behind the square-leg umpire. To do this, he had to move about 50 yards.

And so we went out to field. The 50,000 or so people on the ground that day didn't suspect the thrill they were shortly to get.

Neither did we!

All To Plan - - -!

Gregory sent down the first three balls—uneventful. As he walked back to bowl that vital fourth, he took a quick look around.

Ponsford had quietly moved into position.

According to our plan, Gregory bowled the perfect ball. It was short, made-to-order for Sutcliffe. The batsman played the shot we expected.

The ball went soaring out to Ponsford, who didn't have to move a yard to make the catch.

I remember saying to myself, "Isn't this beautiful?"

PONSFORD GOT HIS HANDS TO THE BALL—AND DROPPED IT!

Sutcliffe's Retort

As Sutcliffe trotted up the pitch for the run, he said to me, "You won't."

Welsh, Charlton centre-forward who scored four goals for England against Wales in the recent international match and two against Scotland was an Able Seaman in the Royal Navy before turning professional. He is now in the Army.

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ARMISTICE MIX-UP

Italians Announce Acceptance By Vichy

Dentz Ignores Beirut Hint: Battle Goes On

THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTED FROM VICHY LAST NIGHT THAT THE VICHY GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO RESPECT THE BRITISH TERMS FOR AN ARMISTICE IN SYRIA.

CHIEF OF SIEMENS PASSES

The death of Carl Friedrich von Siemens, chief of the Siemens Works, at the age of 68, was announced by the official German news agency yesterday. He was the youngest son of the founder of the firm, Werner von Siemens. —Reuter.

DE GAULLE NOW IN BRAZZAVILLE

General de Gaulle has arrived at Brazzaville, French Congo, according to Brazzaville radio. The General is broadcasting to France to-day at 8 p.m. (G.M.T.). —Reuter.

No confirmation is so far available from any other source but the German-controlled Paris radio, after giving a list of the alleged terms, added: "We do not yet know what decision the Government has made but everything leads us to believe that such dictation cannot be accepted."

In Jerusalem last evening it was stated there was still no reply from General Dentz to General Wilson's broadcast urging him to evacuate Beirut.

The Imperial troops which are now pressing forward after their victory at Damour are meeting with a fair amount of opposition in front of Beirut, and the Vichy air force is bombing the positions taken at Damour.

EVIDENTLY GENERAL DENTZ INTENDS TO IGNORE GENERAL WILSON'S APPEAL, AS HE DID AT DAMASCUS.

Beirut is now covered with a thick pall of black smoke from a ship hit in the harbour by the R.A.F.

The military spokesman at General Wilson's headquarters in Jerusalem disclosed yesterday that as far as is known at present about 700 prisoners were captured at Damour.

Damascus Road

Meanwhile there is a determined effort to end the stalemate on the Damascus-Beirut road, where Vichy artillery is based on the

commanding Jebel Mazar Ridge and the main road.

It is stated in Jerusalem that by noon yesterday all objectives had been gained except on the extreme right flank.

With the prospect of the early elimination of the Vichy artillery positions on the Mazar Ridge, the threat to Beirut from the east is intensified.

While the Allies are closing in on Beirut, progress is also being made in the far north-east of Syria.

Indian troops which entered the country from Iraq have now reached Kamechli, adjoining the Istanbul-Baghdad railway, having captured Demir Kapou on the way.

It is stated that hitherto they have found the whole railway open and in good condition.

Pressure Maintained

At the extreme south end of Syria, in the Jezzine sector, steady pressure on the Vichy troops has been maintained and the Allies have reached Belkoun (five miles north of Jezzine) and Mazratt ez Chouf.

The Allies are shelling Vichy troops at Daadrane, 2-1/2 miles north-east of Belkoun, where the Vichy forces are reported to be in some strength.

Pressure is also being maintained in the Meri Ayoun sector in the direction of Hasbaya, where the Allies have captured the village of Kafr Chebar.

Vichy Statement

No reply to General Dentz's requests for the suspension of hostilities has yet reached Beirut, a Vichy communique stated last night, and fighting in Syria therefore continues. —Reuter.

Ukraine Scorched Earth

Fulfilling Stalin's scorched earth policy the Russians in the Ukraine are destroying as much as possible and have partly succeeded, says the correspondent of the Helsinki "Sanomat" with the German troops in the Ukraine.

The Russians are specially concentrating on rendering useless gas and water services and electric communication.

Not all grain stocks were destroyed because some were still green.

All signs point to sanguinary fighting having taken place, and German soldiers confirm reports of the Russian soldiers' bravery.

The correspondent, who was a member of a party of 10 foreign journalists who made the journey, says the Germans were surprised by the quality of the Russian armoured cars. —Reuter.

STOP PRESS

"With the conclusion of the double battle of Bialystok and Minsk the greatest amount of war material in world history has been captured," according to a special German High Command communique issued last night.

A total of 323,818 prisoners, including several generals and divisional commanders, fell into our hands, and 3,332 tanks and 1,809 guns, as well as an innumerable quantity of other war material, were captured.

Thus the total number of prisoners has been increased to over 400,000.

Material captured or destroyed includes 7,015 tanks and 4,432 guns.

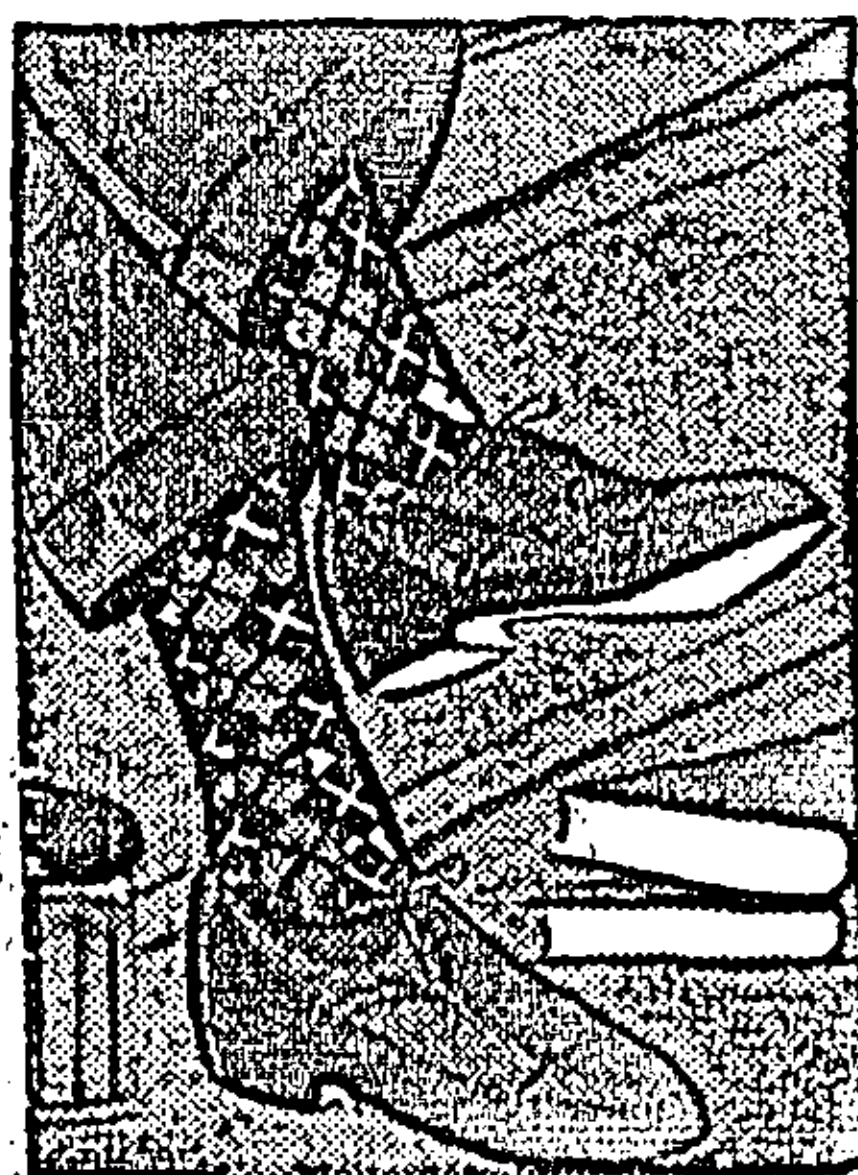
"The Soviet Air Force has up to now lost 6,233 planes." —Reuter.

It was announced from Manila this morning that at 3 p.m. yesterday, the typhoon was east of South Luzon, moving WNW.

It is now known that 14 enemy aircraft were destroyed in the operations over Northern France in daylight yesterday. —Reuter.

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U.S. MUST GO IN

Says N.Y. Post

A "New York Post" editorial yesterday called on the United States to declare war immediately against Germany.

"The United States in fact is already in the war... we are in the war because we stand tatefully in the path of a war-maker bent on world conquest to whom our very existence in freedom is a taunt.

"OUR FORTUNE AS A NATION DEPENDS, AND WE SEE NOW THAT IT DEPENDS FROM THE START, ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS WAR.

"We have no choice to-day between war and peace. We cannot choose immunity for ourselves from the common desolation.

"Our alternative is delaying; nothing more.

We Must Fight

"This war is our war, the Nazi regime is our enemy. Since this is our war we must fight.

"There is no honesty in asking the British to give their lives while we only supply the tools."

America's entry into the war would "circle out as a tidal wave to the ends of the earth," said the newspaper.—Reuter.

OSLO STREET BATTLE

Violent street fighting is reported in Oslo in a Stockholm press despatch reaching London.

Origin of the dispute is stated to be the assembly of a large crowd to pay homage at Abraham Lincoln's statue. Quisling guards tried to disperse the gathering, whereupon the crowd retaliated. Police reinforcements were called and made arrests.—Reuter.

SIXTH VICTIM

A sixth enemy bomber is now known to have been destroyed during the raids on Britain on the night of July 7/8. The crew were picked up at sea.—Reuter.

QUISLING GRUMBLES

"There have been only some 1,000 Dutch volunteers to fight against Soviet Russia," complained the Dutch Quisling, Heer Mussert, according to reports reaching Lisbon.

Mussert also declared that Germany had attacked Russia because "Russia's corn-fields must be opened to the whole of Europe."—Reuter.

RUMOUR EXCITES JAPAN

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS BASED UPON A BROADCAST FROM TOKYO, MR. SUMNER WELLES, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN MILITARY OR NAVAL BASES IN PORTUGAL OR ITS POSSESSIONS OR IN SIBERIA.

Such suggestions, he said, were obviously German propaganda designed to make trouble between the United States and Japan.

The radio announcement said that reports had appeared in Tokyo papers alleging an impending alliance between the United States, Britain, China and the Soviet Union, under which United States military bases would be established in the Kamchatka Peninsula.—Reuter.

Soviet Statement

The Russian military spokesman, M. Lozovsky, told the press yesterday: "We are only at the beginning of this war with Germany."

He charged Nazi propaganda agencies with circulating a report that Russia had offered to sell Kamchatka to America.

This report, he added, had been widely circulated in Japan where it had caused worry.

"But the Japanese will not be taken in with such false reports," he asserted.—International News Service.

Ground Regained In Counter-Thrusts

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AFTER NEARLY 48 HOURS OF THE MOST BITTER CLOSE QUARTER FIGHTING OF THE NINETEEN DAYS' WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND GERMANY, NOTHING HAS OCCURRED TO SHAKE MOSCOW'S ATMOSPHERE OF BUOYANT CONFIDENCE.

At the key-points of the German thrusts, Ostrov, Polotsk and Novograd-Volinsk, the Nazis have thrown in armoured units and infantry divisions to maintain a pressure permitting of no respite to the Red Army, and have put out flamboyant claims of gaps carved in the Stalin Line.

All reports confirm that the force of the Nazi drive is being kept up in complete disregard of appalling losses in men and material.

In Moscow, it is claimed that Russian counter-attacks have rolled back the Nazi troops from ground gained on the three major fronts, but it is admitted that the Germans have not abandoned their violent efforts to break through.

It is believed, however, that the situation is becoming increasingly favourable to the Soviet Union, and it may be regarded as significant that, following a talk with President Roosevelt yesterday, the Soviet Ambassador to the United

States, M. Oumansky, was able to tell the Press that he had given the President "good news" of the progress of the Russo-German fighting.

Red air fleets, meanwhile, are continuing to range far and wide over Rumania, adding to the des-

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TEN NURSES SAVED

Ten American Red Cross nurses have been saved from two torpedoed ships, the American Red Cross announced in Washington yesterday.

This includes four nurses rescued from a British ship who are safe in Iceland.

Seven other nurses and a Red Cross hospital "house mother" are still missing.—Reuter.

LORD VANSITTART

A visitor received by His Majesty yesterday was Lord Vansittart on relinquishing his appointment as Diplomatic Adviser to the Government.—British Wireless.

ANOTHER BEIRUT WARNING

British planes dropped leaflets yesterday on Beirut, demanding that it be declared an open town and occupied by British forces.

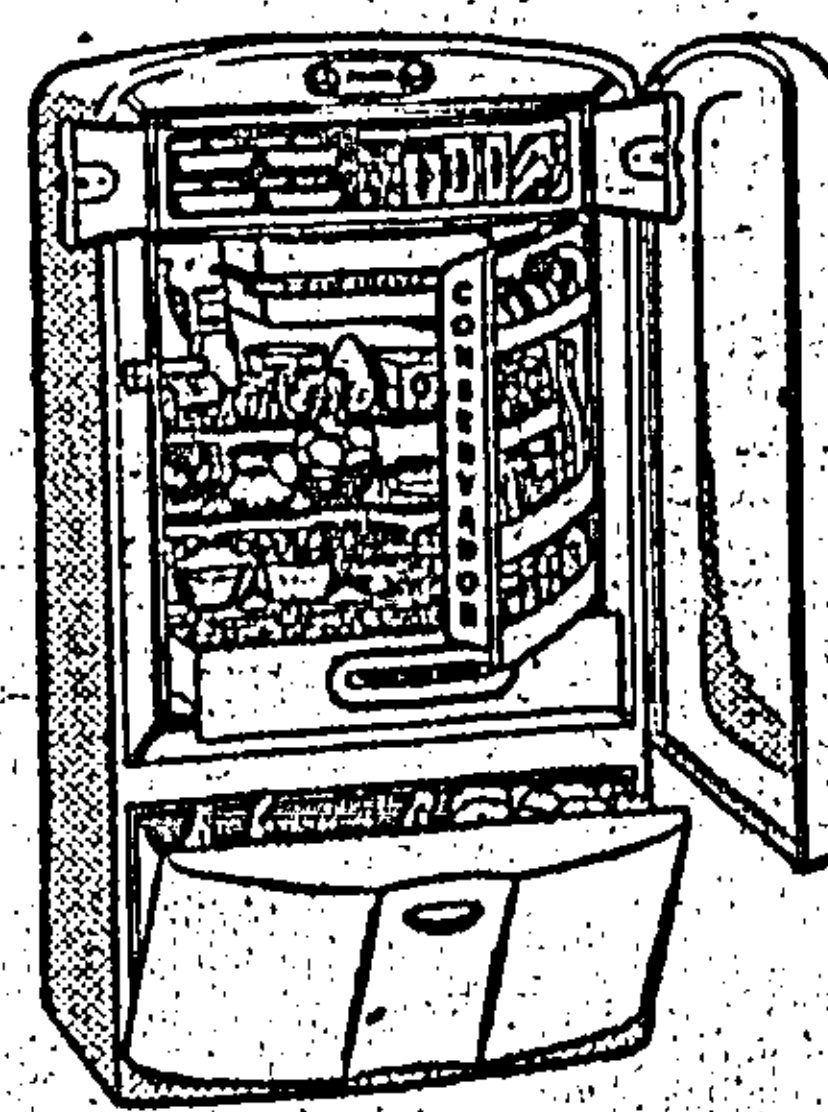
The demand was in the form of an ultimatum, according to the official Vichy news agency.

It had "nothing to do" with the negotiations for cessation of hostilities for which the United States consulate is acting an intermediary.

Admiral Darlan, who returned to Vichy from the occupied zone yesterday, conferred with Marshal Petain in the morning about Syria and his talks in Paris.

He also conferred about Syria with the Vichy Defence Minister, General Huntziger.—Reuter.

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Senator Taft Discovers "Deep Dark Plot" Talk Of Naval Air Base In Ulster

"I HEARD WEEKS AGO ON RELIABLE AUTHORITY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS CONSTRUCTING A NAVAL AIR BASE FOR BRITAIN IN NORTHERN IRELAND," SENATOR TAFT TOLD THE U.S. SENATE YESTERDAY.

He added that since he made the first draft of his speech to the Senate yesterday Mr. Wendell Willkie had, "after calling upon the President, announced his opinion that the United States should establish military bases in Northern Ireland and Scotland."

Senator Taft added: "The occupation of Ireland would relieve perhaps half a million British troops from service elsewhere and would put half a million American boys into the British Isles."

"A base in Ireland would be much more effective to protect shipping than a base in Iceland."

"Every argument that has been used for the occupation of Iceland applies to Ireland, England and Portugal."

SENATOR TAFT CONTENDED THAT THE LANDING OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN IRELAND WAS AN ACT "EXACTLY EQUIVALENT TO AGGRESSIVE WAR" AND ONE WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAD NO RIGHT TO TAKE WITHOUT THE AUTHORITY OF CONGRESS.

"If the President can send troops to Iceland on this ground, he can send them to Scotland or England; he can send them to Portugal."

"The countries are not farther away than Iceland."

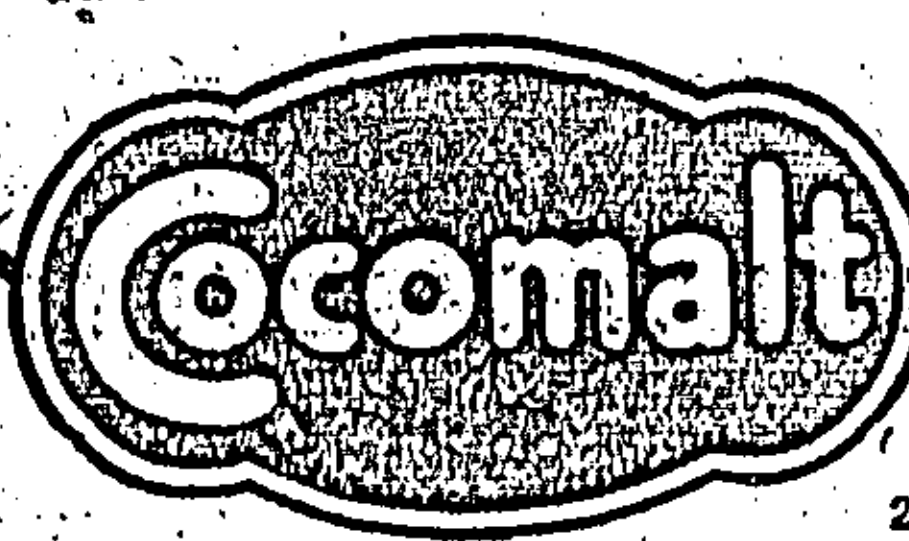
Combat Rumours

Meanwhile the Senate Naval Affairs Committee voted to summon Col. Frank Knox, Navy Secretary, and Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, to testify today on reports that the United States Navy has engaged in actual combat with German vessels.—Reuter.



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"The Luftwaffe is as good as beaten," the prominent aviation journal "The Aeroplane" declared in London yesterday.

The publication said that evidence of the unwillingness of German airmen to engage the British when finding themselves outnumbered had been given by a wing commander following a German claim that on a recent daylight raid 25 British bombers were escorted by 200 fighters.

Commenting on these raids "The Aeroplane" says they are already a matter of deep anxiety to Germany and are rapidly assuming the quality of a menace.

THEY AIM AT THE CREATION OF A TECHNIQUE OF ENSURING TO THE R.A.F. LOCAL AIR SUPREMACY ON ANY SPECIAL OCCASION.

"If by this method bombers can be protected while carrying out their attack, similar immunity might be secured for other forms of destructive military undertakings."

"Some military and naval objectives are harder to destroy by bombs than shells, torpedoes or a well-placed explosive charge."

"The R.A.F. seems to be laying a set of excellent foundations."—Reuter.

DENMARK SHORT OF EGGS

The acute dearth of eggs in Denmark owing to the slaughtering of poultry through lack of chicken food, has raised the question of using the eggs of the hundreds of thousands of seagulls throughout Denmark.

Ornithologists compute that about 2,000,000 seagulls produce at least 800,000 clutches, each of two or three eggs, in the early spring, with a second clutch in the summer; hence there is a possibility of at least from 3,500,000 to 4,000,000 gulls' eggs a year, equivalent in weight and nourishment to about 2,000,000 hens' eggs.

Gulls' eggs have been hitherto a great delicacy, and it is now proposed to organise a systematic collection throughout Denmark.

Asama Maru's Mission

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A total of 666 German women and children refugees from Batavia docked in Shanghai in the Asama Maru yesterday.

Of this number 199 disembarked in Shanghai, the rest are proceeding to Japan.

The Asama Maru's schedule was altered last month to enable her to proceed direct from Manila to Batavia to pick up the refugees.

"Heil Hitler" the refugees shouted as the liner approached the wharf where a big gathering of the local Nazi Party was on hand to greet the arrivals.

All appeared healthy despite their year-long detention in various internment camps in Batavia.

Those staying in Shanghai are to be quartered in the German School for the time being.

Women told newsmen the camps' food was inadequate though their appearance belied the words.

Husbands and male relatives were detained in other camps and are still in Batavia.—International News Service.

STABBED AT CLUB FIGHT

Harry Distleman, an ex-bookmaker known as Scarface Hubby, staggered into Wardour Street, W.1, with a knife in his back, shouting "I'm stabbed!" and fell dead.

There had been a fight at a billiards and bridge club of which he was a member. Another man, Eddie Fletcher, was wounded so severely that he may lose an arm.

Police detained a man, but made no charge against him.

Billiard balls were thrown, and men fought with cues during the fight at the club.

A friend of Distleman said, "An attempt was made to break up the club. Harry tried to stop it, and he was stabbed in the back as he went down the staircase."

CONGRESS REJECTS CURB ON EMPLOYERS

By 170 votes to 91, the House of Representatives yesterday turned down a proposal that President Roosevelt be empowered to take over defence factories where the managements have refused to use federal conciliation and mediation services to settle labour disputes.—Reuter.

DR. KOO PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

His Majesty the King yesterday received in audience at Buckingham Palace, Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, who presented his Letters of Credence.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIR "ACE" GOES TO HIS DEATH

The loss in action over the Channel of the German air ace, Captain Balphasar, of the Richtofen squadron, was announced in a German communique yesterday.

It said that Balphasar, who had been repeatedly decorated and had won 40 victories in air battles, was killed in battle with British airmen over the Channel.—Reuter.

CHINESE SHOT DEAD IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Terrorism claimed its customary daily victim in Shanghai when an unidentified Chinese was killed by two gunmen.

The assassins fired a fusillade of 12 shots, one striking the victim's head causing instant death.—International News Service.

ITALIAN AIR BASE AT SYRACUSE ATTACKED

R.A.F. AIRCRAFT attacked Italian float 'planes, probably Cant Z 506 craft, on the water at Syracuse on Wednesday, according to yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Three float 'planes were burnt out and several others badly damaged, numerous casualties being caused among the crews. The communique makes no mention of any attack on Naples, referred to in yesterday's Italian communique.

In Syria, R.A.F. aircraft attacked Vichy aircraft on the ground at Aleppo, destroying two and damaging about 10 others.

Australian aircraft attacked and damaged armoured cars near Beirut and in the Damour area.

R.A.F. bombers blew up ammunition stocks at Beirut and bombed the railway station at Rayak.

In Cyrenaica, R.A.F. bombers attacked enemy aerodromes at Martuba and Gazala, starting fires at both places.

During the night of July 8/9 heavy bombers carried out further attacks on Benghazi, causing large fires on the quays near the Cathedral Mole.

Attacks were also made on landing grounds at Derna, Martuba and Gazala.

Malta Raid

Unidentified enemy aircraft which raided Malta during the night of July 8/9 were intercepted by British fighters and one raider shot down into the sea.

One British aircraft is missing as a result of the foregoing operations.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BID FOR AIR SUPREMACY

The British Commonwealth air training plan, which is six months ahead of schedule with 85 per cent. of its units going full blast, has uncorked the bottle in the struggle for air supremacy by supplying an ever-increasing flow of intrepid young air crews.

So declared Mr. Power, Canadian Minister for National Defence and Air, in a war commentary broadcast from London last night.

"In May last year we started with 100 pupils," said Mr. Power. "To-day, in pupils and graduates, we have one hundred fold that number and many more: more in numbers than a division of infantry."

"A division such as has never been known before, young men coming from the United Kingdom, Newfoundland, the Straits Settlements, British residents of South America, Australia, New Zealand and many hundreds speaking with the accents of California, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York."

"And no ordinary young men, either, but the cream of the youth of the liberty-loving countries of the world."—Reuter.

Naples Raid

Yesterday's Italian communique stated that the R.A.F. heavily bombed Naples, during Wednesday night.

Although no claim has yet officially been made by the British Air Ministry, it is authoritatively stated that the R.A.F. did attack Naples during the night of July 9 to 10 but that details have not yet been fully received in London. It is presumed an announcement on the raid will be made soon from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in the normal way.—Reuter.

TURKEY ACCEPTS

The Turkish Government has agreed to represent the interests of the Vichy Government in Moscow, it was stated in Ankara yesterday, says Reuter.

THE TYPHOON

It was announced from Manila this morning that at 3 p.m. yesterday, the typhoon was east of South Luzon, moving WNW.

Aix-La-Chapelle Gets Its Baptism Of The Blitz Raid

SEVERE ONSLAUGHT BY R.A.F.

AIRCRAFT OF THE Bomber Command did great damage in Aachen on Wednesday night, states the Air Ministry news service.

This town on the frontier between Belgium and Germany, better known as Aix-la-Chapelle, was cleared for modern industry and development by a huge conflagration in 1855 which destroyed 90 per cent. of its buildings.

It lies in a district rich in mineral wealth, has many industries, and is an important railway town.

It had been attacked by the R.A.F. before but not very often and certainly never on such a scale as on Wednesday night.

As the attackers, undeterred by incessant A.A. fire or patrolling fighters, passed through the defences, the town was brightly lit first by the moon and then by drifting flares and last by great fires.

Over In An Hour

The attack was all over in about an hour, and by that time the railway junction had been hit and factories set alight.

There were parallel lines of fire across the town and towards the end it was often difficult, in the confusion of fire and smoke, to see how much damage each new bomb had done.

AFTER ONE AIRCRAFT HAD SHOWERED ITS INCENDIARIES ACROSS THE RAILWAY THERE WERE 12 VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS.—REUTER.

CHINA AND NEW ZEALAND

"Although the Chinese and New Zealanders are not engaged in the same theatre of war, I feel certain they are nearer to each other than ever before in thought, ideals and spirit."

This declaration was made yesterday by the Chinese consul-general, Mr. Wang Feng, at a gathering of Chinese citizens in Wellington.

"At the beginning of the fifth year of the Sino-Japanese war I express deep gratitude to New Zealand for the moral support given to China in the last four years."

Mr. Wang, assured New Zealanders of his great sympathy in their struggle and said they must envisage the day when the British and Chinese would lead the way to world democracy and a new international order.—Reuter.

Shanghai Man Engaged

The engagement was announced in London yesterday of Albert William Burkill, O.B.E., of St. James' Court, and Mrs. Catherine Isabelle Skinner, of 1, Prince's Row, the widow of C. A. Skinner, of Dorchester.

Mr. Burkill is a member of the well-known Shanghai firm, A. W. Burkill and Sons, which has large interests in Malaya rubber estates.—Reuter.

CHINESE AMBASSADOR LEAVES REICH

The Chinese Ambassador to Germany, General Chen Chien, left the Nazi capital last evening with his staff, states the official German news agency.

He will go to Switzerland where he will await an opportunity of returning to Chungking via America.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT TRIBUTE TO POLES

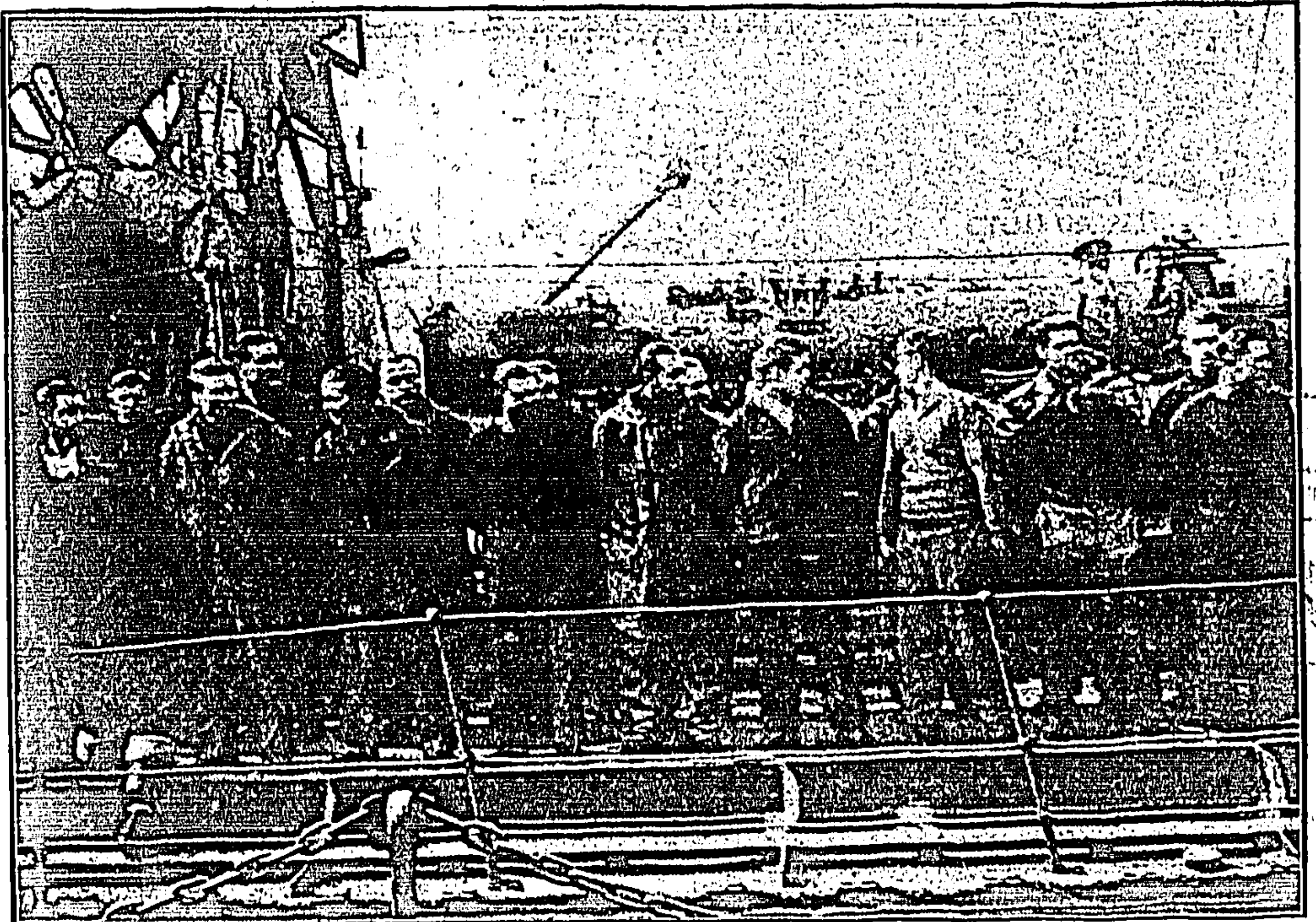
That the sacrifices of Poland and other countries will eventually result in a world free from unprovoked attack is expressed in a message from President Roosevelt to M. Raczewicz, President of Poland.

The message was in reply to a telegram on July 4 expressing Poland's cordial wishes.

President Roosevelt said: "Your assurance of the unflinching friendship of the Polish nation for the United States is deeply appreciated. The American people are proud to have the friendship of the people of Poland."

"During the last two years, the heroic and determined manner in which the Polish people have struggled and sacrificed in face of tremendous hardships and deprivations has been an inspiration not only to the people of the United States but to liberty-loving people everywhere."

"We are confident that the sacrifices which the Polish and other peoples opposing the forces of aggression are making, will eventually result in the restoration of a world in which it will be possible again for nations to carry on with each other normal and friendly intercourse without fear of sudden and unprovoked attack."—Reuter.



Mr. Churchill, in announcing the certain destruction of three U-boats in one day, recently said in the House of Commons: "Not since October 13th., 1939, have I been cheered by such delectable tidings of a triple event." This photo shows U-boat prisoners, lined up on the deck of the British destroyer which sank two of the U-boats referred to by Mr. Churchill, preparatory to being landed at a British port.

BIG OFFENSIVE SWEEP: FIERCE DOG-FIGHTS

AN AIR MINISTRY communique states that early yesterday afternoon formations of Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked enemy shipping in the ports of Cherbourg and Le Havre.

Six ships, totalling over 30,000 tons, were hit by bombs and it is considered that each of the vessels is a total loss.

Quays, dockside buildings and gun emplacements were also bombed.

Heavy bombers with a fighter escort attacked a chemical works and adjoining railway siding at Choques, near Bethune.

In the course of these operations escorting fighters had fierce engagements with enemy fighters which were unable to prevent the British bombers hitting their targets.

Sharp Losses

Twelve enemy fighters were destroyed in these combats, and 10 British fighters and two bombers are missing, it was reported at first.

A later announcement, however, established that 13 German fighters were destroyed and that one British fighter previously reported missing had returned and the pilot of another had been rescued.

British losses, therefore, were nine fighters, the pilot of one being safe.—Reuter.

DEATH OF DR. DAVID JOCHELMAN

Dr. David Jochelman, chairman and founder of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations of Great Britain and the Polish Jewish Refugee Fund, died in England on Wednesday aged 73.

A close associate of Israel Zangwill, he frequently visited England from Russia until he settled in England permanently in 1913.—Reuter.

U.S. ARMY'S BILL

"IN ORDER FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL DEFENCE," PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF US\$4,770,000,000 FOR THE UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT.

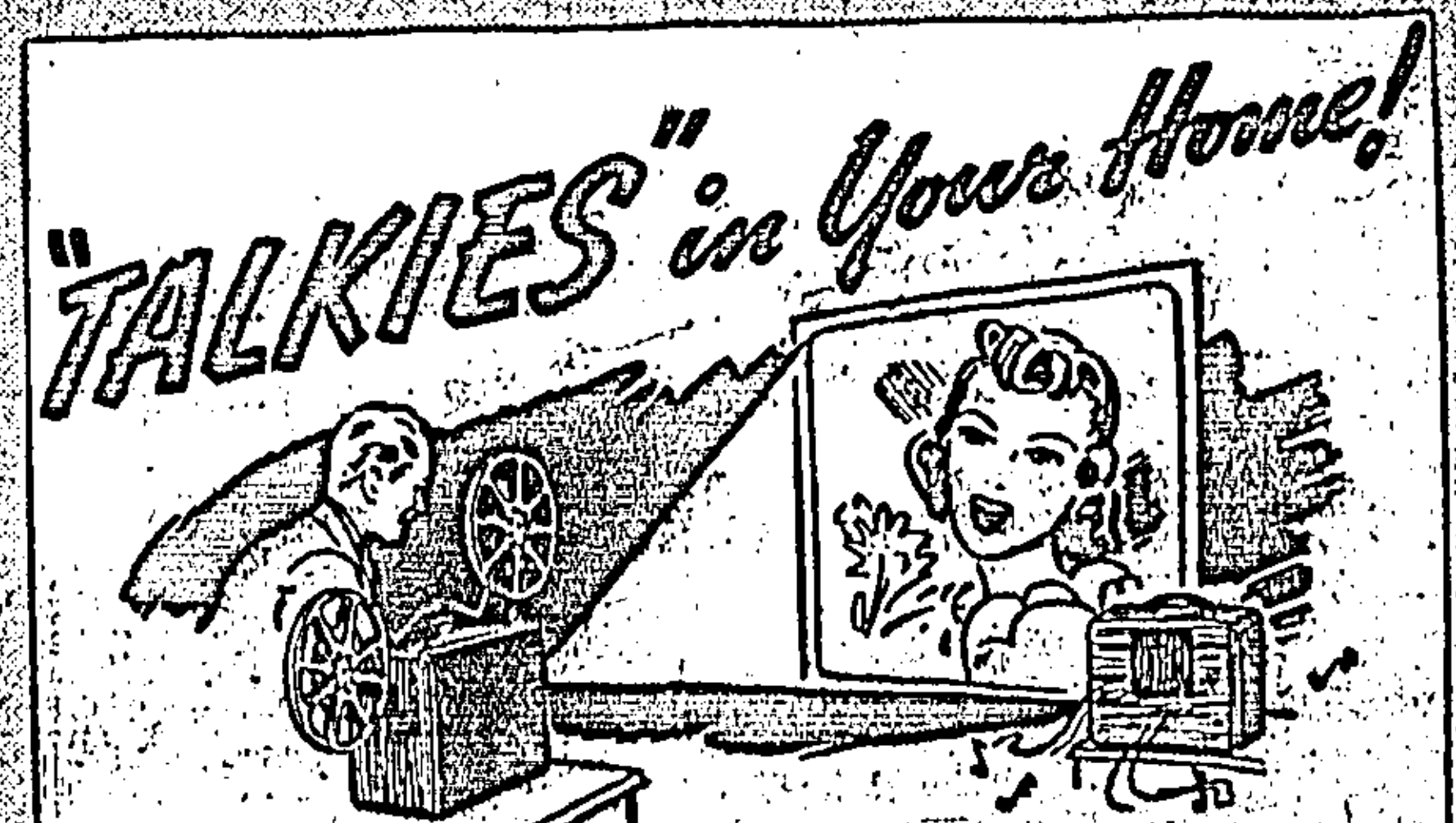
The request was made yesterday in a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the bill covered eleven individual items, the largest of which was \$3,486,000,000 for Army ordnance.

President Roosevelt yesterday approved Budget estimates of \$4,700,000,000 in new money for the War Department.

This sum is part of the \$15,000,000,000 for national defence and for Lend and Lease purposes.—Reuter.

WEYGAND RETURNS TO PARIS

General Weygand arrived in Vichy yesterday from North Africa, says a Reuter despatch from London.



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PRODUCTION DEBATE WINDS UP WITHOUT MOTION

IN THE CONTINUED debate on production in the House of Commons yesterday, Colonel J. C. Moore-Brabazon, Minister for Aircraft Production, refused to accept the allegation that there were not enough 'planes in the Middle East.

He painted a picture of Lord Beaverbrook's dynamic energy when accelerating 'plane production.

"I once went to interview him," said Col. Moore-Brabazon, "and found him interviewing four people at once and quite coherently.

"He had a telephone in one hand and was talking to America and at the same time was ordering his hairdresser to come round and cut his hair in his office."

Col. Moore-Brabazon hoped that ultimately every single machine from the United States would deliver itself by air.

He declared it was easy to raid London from France.

It was more difficult to raid Berlin from London but it would not be many months before raids like those on London would be child's play compared with the raids we would be able to make on Berlin.

The debate concluded without a division being challenged.

Trends Of Criticism

Mr. Churchill listened to parts of the debate, which combined many criticisms with unanimous expressions of belief that production would be fully organised.

Members assumed Mr. Churchill would note the chief trends of criticism and that further action will follow.

It was in that belief that the House was allowed to be adjourned without challenging the Estimates for which the debate had taken place.—Reuter.

The second day of the debate revealed further criticism of organisation both as regards manpower and output as well as allegations as to the quality of certain types of war material.

Most serious of these, which Lieut. Brabner spoke of on Wednesday, concerned allegations of inefficiency and insufficiency of tanks and guns in Greece and Crete. These allegations were referred to again yesterday.

Replying to the debate, the Minister for Aircraft Production said he did not accept the imputation to the lack of efficiency in tanks used in Crete and Greece, nor that there were not enough aeroplanes in the Middle East.

Regarding suggestions that there were many different types of aeroplanes of American manufacture in Britain, Col. Moore-Brabazon reminded the House that French orders had been taken over and a good deal of alterations had been done to make these machines suitable for the R.A.F. They were now, however, being sent to operational centres and were doing great work.

"I am not saying there are not too many types and I should like to see fewer types from the point of view of manufacturing."

Dive-Bombers

The Minister said his duty was to supply aeroplanes asked for by the Services, and as regards criticisms relating to the supply of dive-bombers, he said the Army had not yet asked him for them.

They were not machines they wished to operate at the present time, but on this matter opinions were fluid and it might be that they will be wanted.

Speaking of the big bomber the Minister said this type was a new aeronautical conception altogether. A machine was wanted which would fly to Berlin and back and carry an enormous load of tons of bombs. The Americans thought they had the biggest machine in the world but were astonished when they came over and saw Britain had three models much bigger

than anything which had been produced in America.

These very big aeroplanes had given trouble which, considering their intricacies, was only to be expected. They were, however, now flying and getting better every day.

Premium Figure

On the general question of production of aircraft Colonel Moore-Brabazon said that when he was a private member at the outbreak of war, "I had in mind a sort of premium figure which I thought the British aircraft industry could reach. Never mind what that figure was — but we have very nearly got to it."

As regards aircraft supplies from the United States, the Minister said that Britain was not getting at present anything like the full number provided for in the programme. Material we were

SPAIN'S APOLOGY

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, stated in reply to a question in the Commons yesterday that the Spanish Government have apologised for the recent attack on the British Embassy in Madrid and the persons responsible have been appropriately punished.—Reuter.

getting at present was what was ordered practically at the beginning of the war.

The majority of aircraft from America were medium and heavy bombers.

On the technical side the closest collaboration existed between American and British technicians. We disclosed everything to the Americans and they disclosed everything to us.

Americans were in Britain to maintain and service American built 'planes and British technicians were going over to the U.S.A. to become acquainted with their machines.

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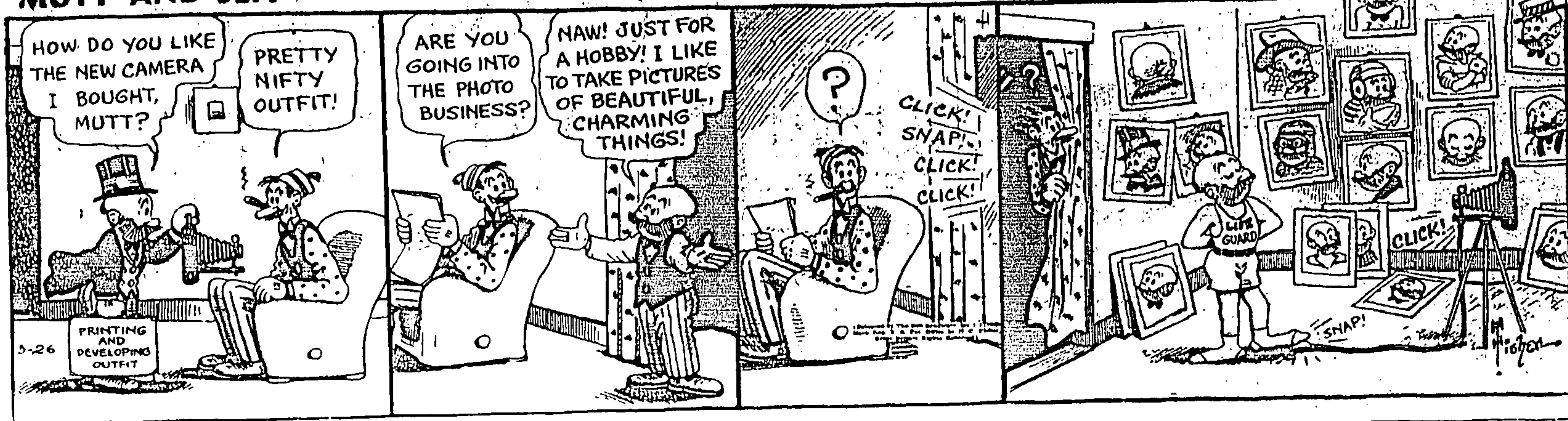
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EDGE TAKEN OFF JAPANESE SWORD BLADE

"WE OWE YOUR Government and nation a tribute of admiration and, what is more, gratitude," said Mr. Philip Graves, for many years foreign editor of "The Times," at a reception at the Chinese Embassy yesterday on the occasion of the arrival of Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Ambassador.

"Your resistance has meant a great deal to Britain and indeed to English-speaking people in general."

"Let us suppose that counsels of prudence and appeasement had prevailed in Nanking at the beginning of the China incident."

"I think my colleague will agree that militant Japan, encouraged by China's surrender or token resistance, would not have stood still."

"We have yet grave dangers before us in the southern seas but the edge has been taken off the sword blade and the arm that wields it is no longer so fresh and lusty as four years ago."

"We welcome Your Excellency as the representative of a great and ancient nation that is fighting the same battle for decency, order and honesty in international relations that we are fighting."—Reuter.

DR. QUO TENDERS SYMPATHIES

Dr. Quo Tai-chi yesterday called on Sir Archibald Kerr, British Ambassador to China, expressing sympathetic concern over the destruction of the British Embassy and Sir Archibald's residence during Japanese air raids.—Central News.

ANOTHER RAID ON CHUNGKING

Forty-eight Japanese planes in two waves made another attack on Chungking yesterday afternoon. Bombs were dropped in the suburbs, inflicting about 30 civilian casualties and demolishing scores of houses.—Central News.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES DOWN

A further drop of 67,000 is shown in unemployment returns issued yesterday.

Total unemployed on June 16 was 301,000 compared with 368,000 on May 12 and 766,000 on June 17 last year.—Reuter.

BLAKE PIER INCIDENT

THAT A CHINESE DETECTIVE WAS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT IN WHICH A EUROPEAN WAS TEMPORARILY DETAINED BY THE POLICE, IS A STORY RELATED TO THE POLICE BY CHINESE STUDENTS WHO CLAIMED TO BE EYE-WITNESSES.

The story, which the Police have investigated, accuses a Chinese detective of having struck the deceased man in Pedder Street, after which he collapsed. The European who was alleged to have slapped the man at Blake Pier was released following the post-mortem which proved that deceased succumbed to natural causes.

The two Chinese students, in their report, alleged that apparently the Chinese detective mistook the deceased to be a robber, since he was being pursued by the European. The detective struck him when he caught up with him in Pedder Street.

The Police stated this morning that an inquest will be held soon. The post-mortem revealed that the man died of beri-beri and heart disease.

CHINESE DROWNED AT LAICHIKOK

A 28-year-old Chinese, Tam Wai-cheung of No. 642, Shanghai Street, was drowned near the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Swimming Shed, Laichikok, yesterday afternoon. He was seen in difficulty when only 25 feet from the shore. Members of the Chinese "Y" swam to his aid but life was already extinct when the body was brought ashore.

NEW M.P.

In a by-election at Greenock caused by the appointment of the previous member to judicial office, Mr. Hector Monell was returned unopposed. He is a member of the Labour Party.—British Wireless.

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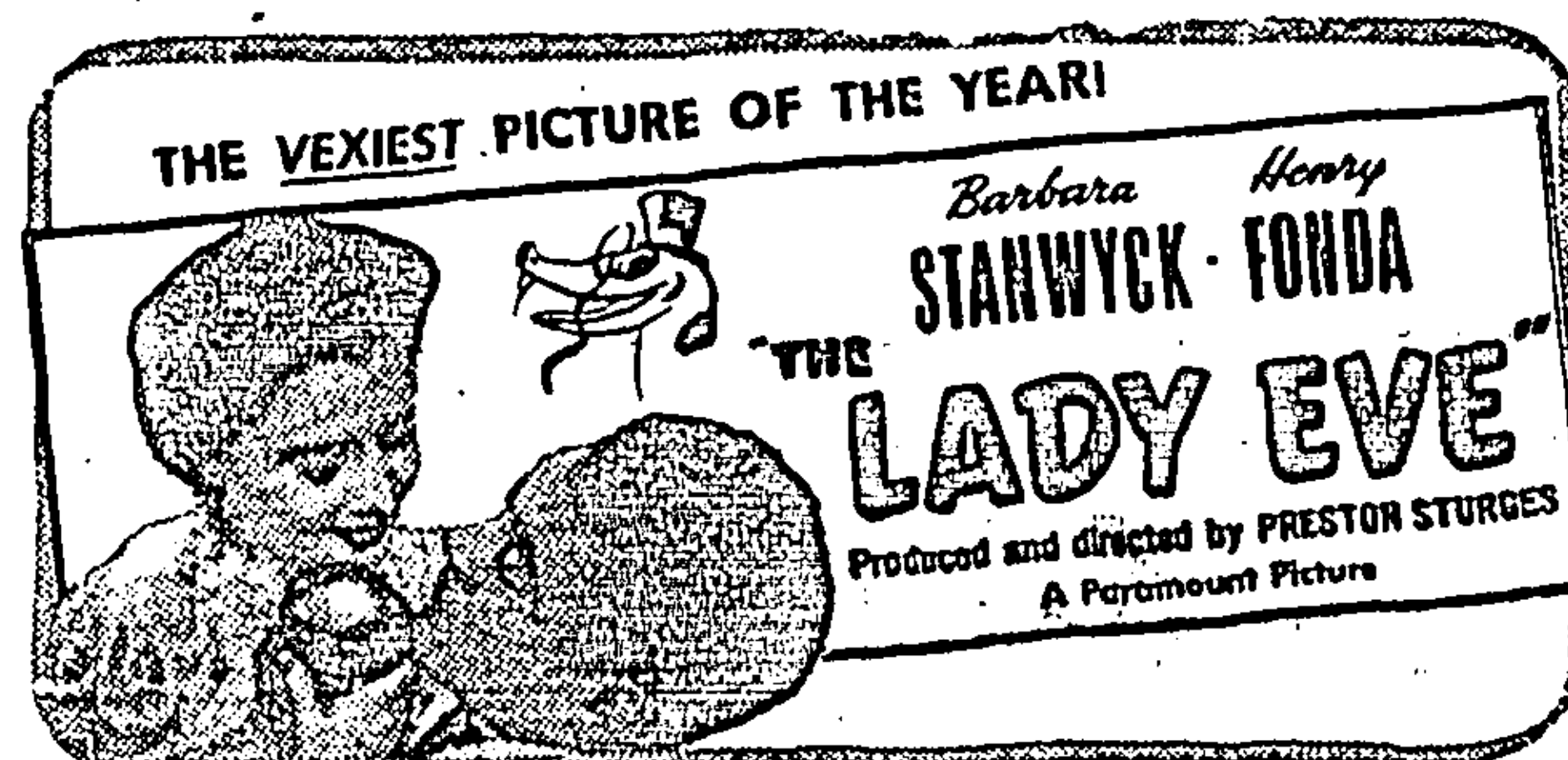
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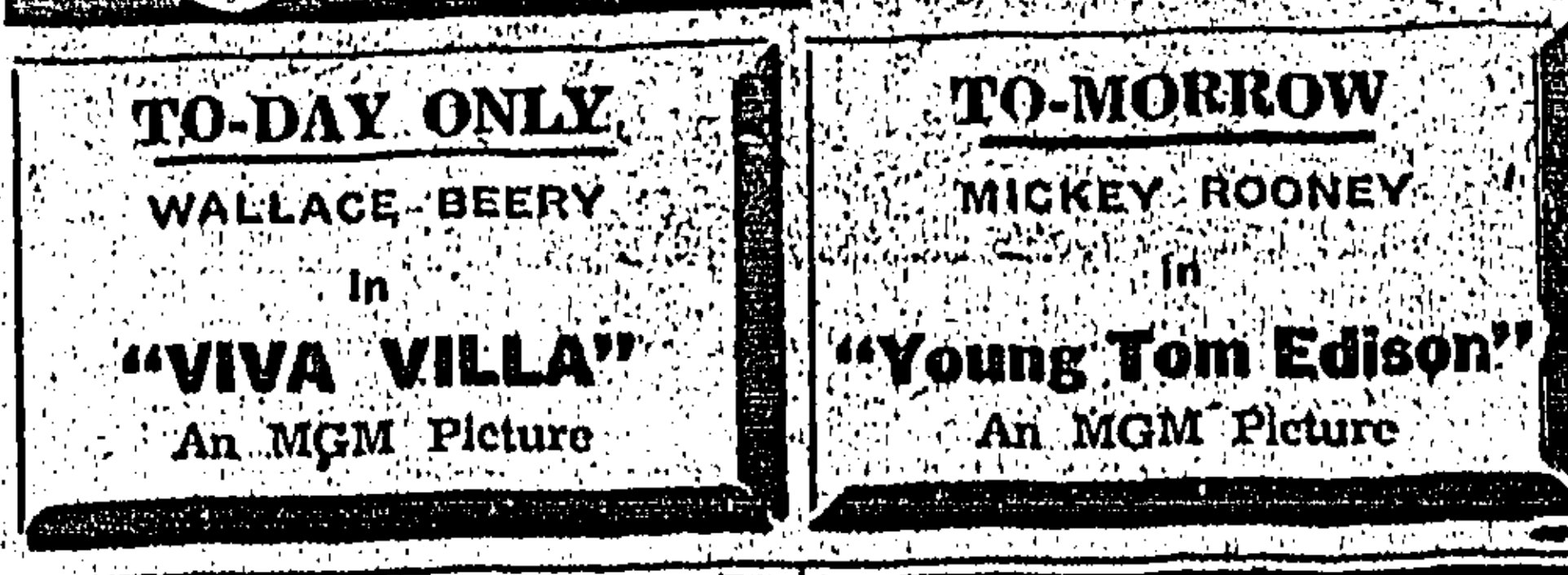
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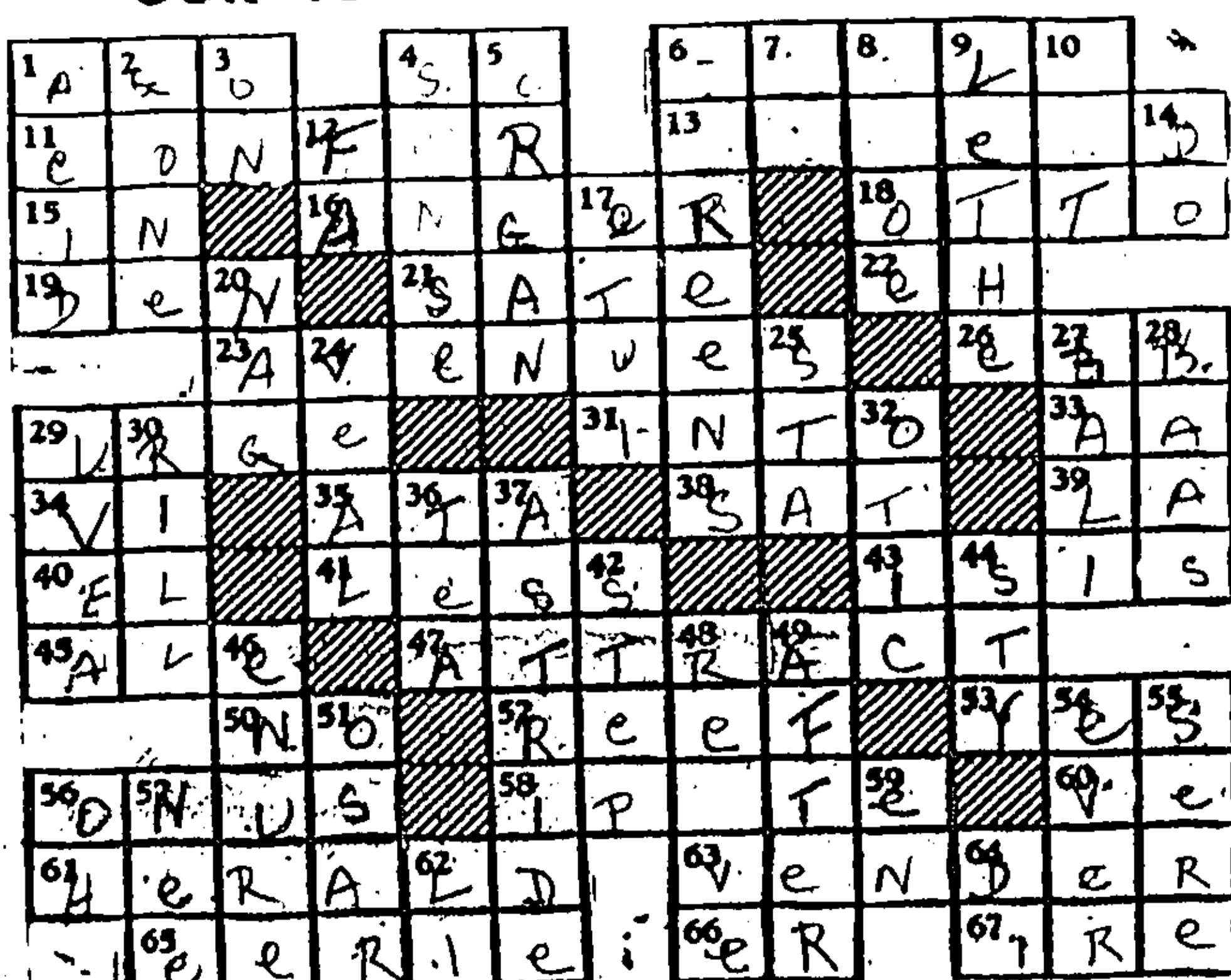
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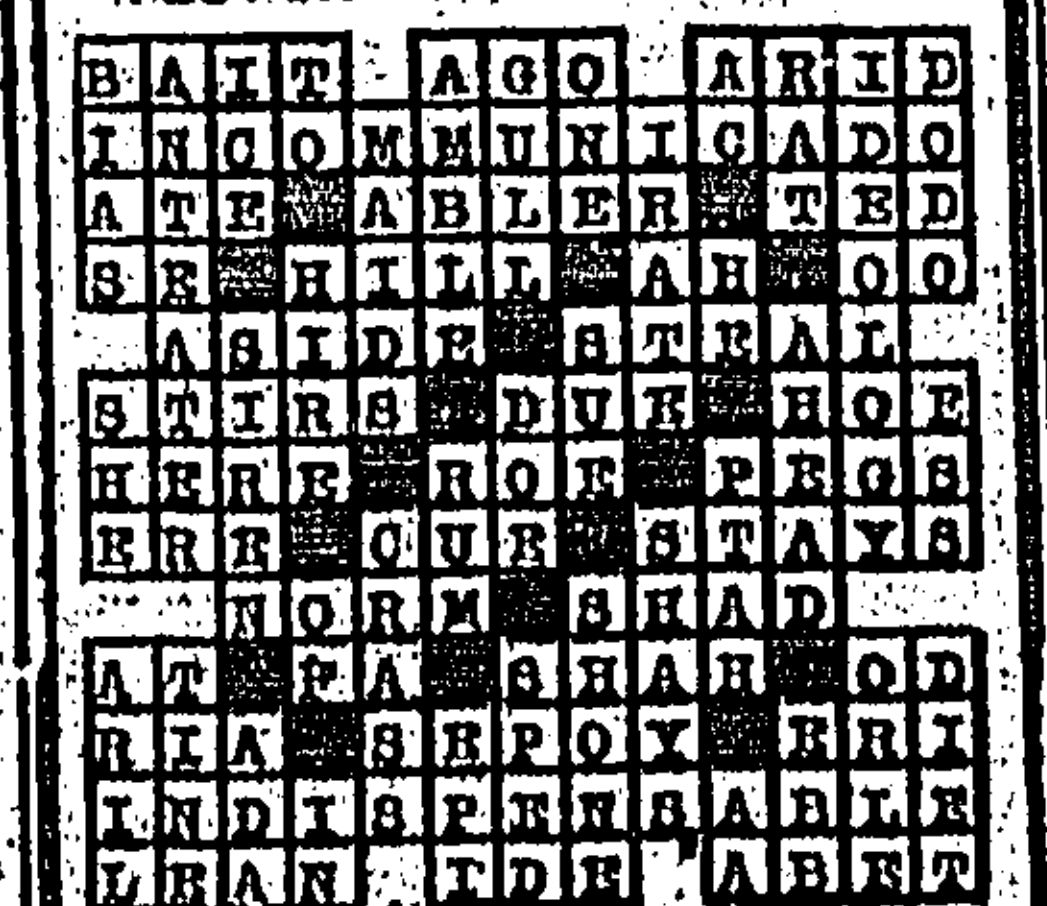
HORIZONTAL

- 1 In the past
- 4 Hence
- 6 To make pale
- 11 To bestow
- 13 Poem by Vergil
- 15 Nook
- 16 Wrath
- 18 Man's name
- 19 Lair
- 21 To cloy
- 22 Interjection
- 23 Passageways
- 25 To recede
- 29 To incite
- 31 Proposition
- 33 Cooled lava
- 34 Six
- 35 Philippine savage
- 38 Held session
- 39 French article
- 40 Hebrew name for God
- 41 Mimus
- 43 Egyptian deity
- 45 Malt beverage
- 47 Tullaro
- 50 Negative
- 52 Chain of rocks near the surface of the water

VERTICAL

- 1 Sour
- 2 Departed
- 3 Preposition
- 4 Feeling
- 5 Musical instrument
- 6 Heels over
- 7 Pronoun
- 8 Ox of Celebes

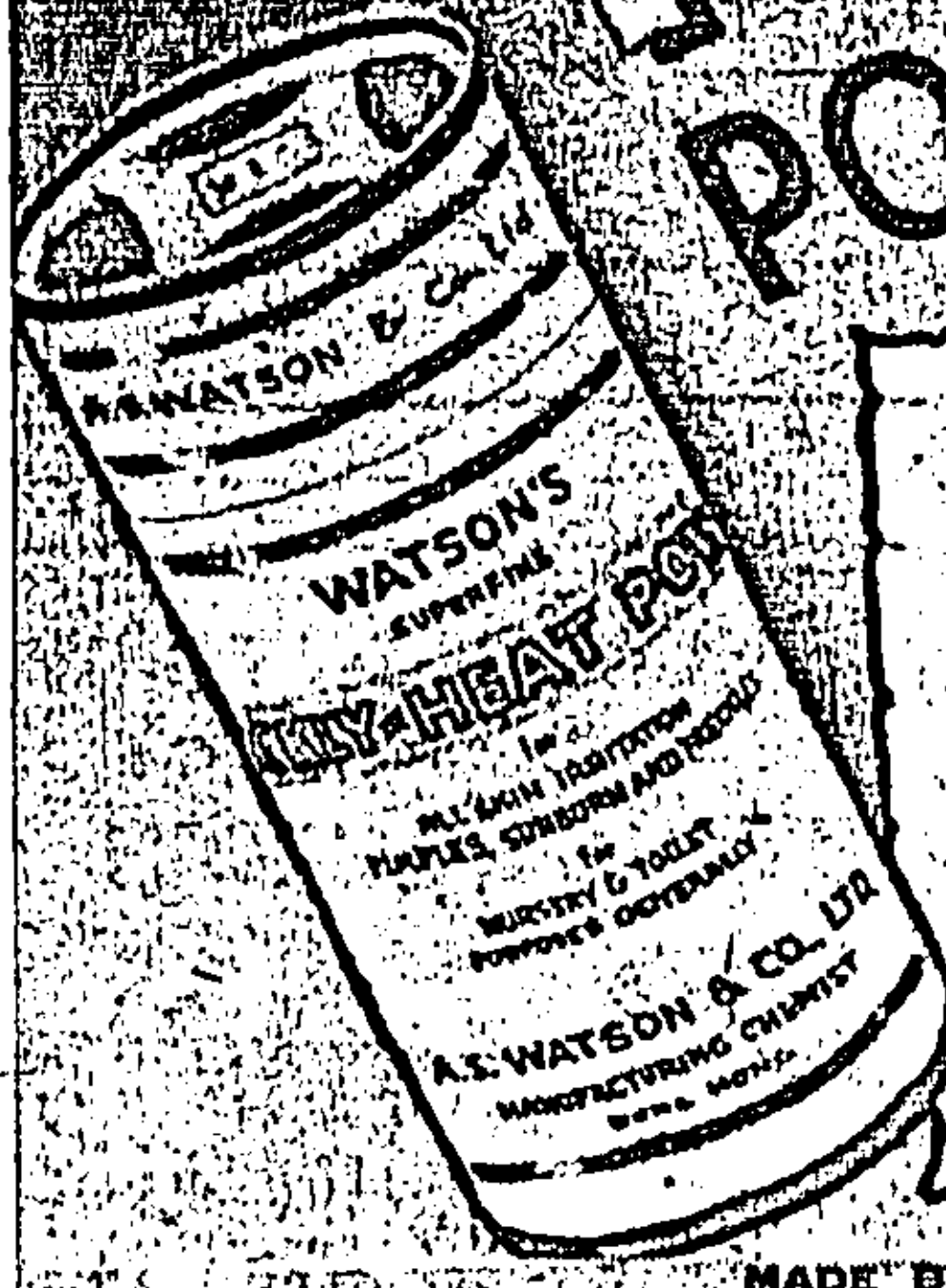
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9 Oblivion

- 10 Set of fools
- 12 Note of scale
- 14 To act
- 17 Small case
- 20 To scold
- 24 Calf, meat
- 25 Music: as written
- 27 One of Sunda Isles
- 28 Cries like a sheep
- 29 Part of the eye
- 30 Stream
- 32 Pertaining to the ears
- 36 Beverage
- 37 Astraddle
- 42 To walk
- 44 Pigpen
- 46 To come into operation
- 48 Old English ballad
- 49 Following
- 51 Glacial ridges
- 54 Always
- 55 Withered
- 56 Exclamation of surprise
- 57 Horn
- 58 Half an cm
- 62 Chinese measure
- 64 Roman gods

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NAZIS MADE HIM HIC FOR A WEEK

Alarm at the Nazi occupation of Greece and the possible danger to his family there caused Alex Themelis, a Greek waiter, of New York, an attack of hiccups lasting a week.

He had to go to hospital and was placed in an oxygen mask and given a diet of special soft foods.

BRITISH FASCISTS' 'HOLIDAY'

Preparations are being made in the Isle of Man for the reception of 1,000 British Fascists.

It was announced in Parliament recently that they are to be interned there.

A reshuffling of the internment camps is being made to provide accommodation for them.

One camp has been cleared of its alien internees, who have been sent to other internment camps on the island.

They will, it is believed, be subjected to the same kind of internment as the aliens, except that their military guard will be stronger.

It is likely that they will be called on to perform some kind of service.

They will not come into contact with the alien internees, who are doing land work on the island.

It is not yet known whether Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of British Fascists, will be sent with his followers to the Isle of Man.

No special arrangements have been made for any individual internees.

THE FASCISTS WILL LIVE IN BOARDING-HOUSES, SURROUNDED BY BARBED-WIRE BARRICADES.

PREMIER PROUD TO BE JOURNALIST

THE KING SENT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION TO SIR EMSLEY CARR, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE "NEWS OF THE WORLD," AT A LUNCHEON IN LONDON TO MARK THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SIR EMSLEY'S APPOINTMENT AS EDITOR.

Major J. J. Astor was in the chair. Several members of the Cabinet, headed by the Premier, and most of the notable figures in the newspaper world attended.

Mr. Churchill said: "I have always been proud of my connection with journalism, to which the people and the Parliament turned for one whom they supposed might give them some chance of emerging from their embarrassment."

QUESTION STOPS A TRIAL

Holding that a question put to a witness by the prosecuting counsel was "likely seriously to prejudice the interests of the prisoner," Judge Benzley stopped a case at the Old Bailey and ordered a re-trial.

WHEN ITS AUTOMATIC PILOT JAMMED DURING A FLIGHT ACROSS THE ATLANTIC, AN R.A.F. 15-TON CATALINA FLYING BOAT SPUN FROM 18,500FT. TO ONLY 800FT. IN A SPIRAL DIVE — AND SMASHED OFF BOTH ITSAILERONS.

Regaining control by a terrific effort, the two pilots, though six hours out from Britain, brought their giant craft home.

When they sent out a radio signal, "Both ailerons gone," no one at the base believed it — it seemed impossible that a 15-ton plane could still be flying without lateral control.

The story is one of the epics of flight.

Flight-Lieutenant J. G. Fleming, D.F.C., and Flying Officer J. J. Meikle, two R.A.F. Canadians, were bringing the Catalina from Bermuda. She carried a crew of six.

When the automatic control jammed the right aileron was full down and the machine, in its dive, caused the ailerons to flutter.

During this staggering plunge to within 800 feet of the sea the pilots did their utmost to regain stability.

Pressure on the ailerons, however, was so great that one broke away. This was the worst moment of all. Then the second aileron was torn off. It helped to restore the balance of the ship.

Daren't Move Hands

When the flutter began the radio operator sent out an S O S. It was never received—the fixed wireless aerial had been carried away with the ailerons.

Just as they believed they must hit the water, the pilots recovered control.

Fleming and Meikle were compelled to sit side by side exerting all their strength on the control to keep the machine in the air.

They dared not remove their hands to look at a map. Fortunately, Fleming had memorised his course, and, with Meikle's aid, managed to turn the machine very gently until it was on its correct course again. As they approached the British coast they flew into a storm, yet landed in harbour.

5 THREW A DART

Five Scots Canadians stationed in the south of England got nine days' leave and free travelling warrants to anywhere in the British Isles.

With their Scottish blood running high, they pinned a map of Scotland on the wall and threw darts to see where they should spend their leave.

One of the five twice threw his dart into the Atlantic, but finally landed in the Hebrides.

It was arranged that each one of the party should spend his leave in the district where his dart pierced the map, and they were to return to their quarters with definite proof that they had fulfilled their undertaking.

The soldier who failed was to stand all the drinks in a local hotel for an entire evening.

The first of the five to arrive back at the billet is Private A. Armstrong, with his pay-book autographed by the Town Clerk of Dumfries.

SHELLED — SHOW WENT ON

A variety show at a Dover theatre went on after German long-range guns fired two salvos into the area. No further shells were fired and there were no casualties or damage.

NO RICE AT WEDDINGS

Use of rice at weddings is an offence, states the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food.

REFUGEES TORTURED BY FRENCH

Emphasising that the Vichy Government is responsible for the treatment of these unhappy men and women, the report states that many thousands are now in foreign labour companies scattered throughout Morocco and Algeria.

"Life in these 'labour battalions' is similar to life in prison. The men work on rail road construction under a burning sun with a temperature that in the summer often reaches 69 degrees centigrade.

Tied To Horses

"They are given a task that must be finished; if they fail, they are put in penal battalions, guarded by armed native soldiers and subjected to all kinds of mistreatment.

"They are insulted and beaten mercilessly for the slightest infractions of the rules, even for stopping work a second when exhausted by the heat and the killing pace.

"Punishments are unworthy of a civilised nation. One of them consists of tying the prisoner's hands together with a rope, the other end of which attached to a horse's tail. The horse is then made to run with increasing speed until the wretched prisoner falls and is dragged through the burning sand.

"Another 'remedy' for disobedience consists in forcing a prisoner into a barrel, which is then rolled down hill.

Lie In Graves

"In the 'punishment of the tomb,' the most ferocious of all, the man under discipline is forced to dig a grave. He is then made to lie motionless in the grave for several days, exposed to the heat of the sun and the cold of the night, under the constant vigilance of an armed native; and not allowed to alter his position in the slightest, even for the demands of nature."

Copies of the report have been sent to President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State.

KING FIRES TOMMY GUN

The King recently fired a Tommy-gun for the first time and "peppered the enemy."

With his first four shots, fired from the shoulder, he found the "heart" of the enemy soldier silhouetted on the target.

Then, lowering the gun and shooting from the waist, the King fired seventeen more shots and again registered many hits.

The Queen stood behind him and applauded.

This happened during a Royal visit to a station somewhere in the south of England. Afterwards the King commented on the excellence of the Tommy gun as a weapon.

CHINA MAIL

WINDSOR HOUSE

IMPLICATIONS

Two interesting statements have followed the action of President Roosevelt in accepting responsibility for the guardianship of Iceland. Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons, has pointed to the logical outcome of that step: close Anglo-American cooperation in the defence of the island and the mutual advantages to be derived from Anglo-American naval co-operation in keeping the dangerous waters of the North Atlantic open to supplies from the United States to her forces in Iceland and from the United States to Britain. Mr. Willkie, in Washington, following an interview with President Roosevelt, indicated that his influence had been brought to bear to break down resistances to the full implications of the lend-lease policy. Effective aid or none at all, is Mr. Willkie's doctrine, and it involves measures to ensure the maintenance of free sea-lanes. The positions of Mr. Willkie and President Roosevelt are, of course, from all practical considerations, vitally different. Mr. Willkie is a free-lance. The heavy responsibility of decisions from which there can be no retreat is the President's. There is, however, a good deal to be said for the insistence in influential sections of the American Press that Mr. Willkie's forthright stand is more typically representative of the average American attitude to the problems of the hour.

In a recent issue of "Collier's Weekly" he succeeded in one and the same paragraph in demolishing the defeatism of the isolationists and in charting a bolder course for the administration, when he wrote:

I give to America a practical, specific plan. Furnish to Britain to-day and to-morrow and the next day, for her desperate need, ships — the ships in our docks, the ships in our coastwise trade — until it hurts, the impounded ships of other nations, the ships we are building. Give to her destroyers, and, if necessary, see that those ships, loaded with the ever-increasing production of American factories and farms, deliver their cargoes safely to the ports of western and northern England. Thus England will survive.

Here is the reply to Col. Lindbergh's assumption that Britain cannot possibly win and that aid for Britain is therefore futile. Here also is the call to courageous leadership in place of hesitation. Mr. Willkie coupled his plea for delivering the cargoes with a plea for maximum industrial production. His

All over the world there are hints and rumours in circulation that peace is possible within a very short time. Hitler, we are told, is just about to tell us that so far as he is concerned he has won all he wants and that for him the war is at an end. He is even prepared, so the story goes, to give up some of his gains in the interests of peace, and Britain, it is hinted, may agree to some such deal, realising that the complete defeat of Hitler is now impossible.

Don't believe it. Hitler may ardently desire a peace of that kind. It is the one thing that could save him. But he has no more chance of getting away with

splendid phrase in the campaign — that only the productive can be strong and only the strong can be free — comes with even greater pertinence now because of the fact that the failure of the Administration to crush the forces hampering and delaying production has made the importance of production greater than ever. It is his judgment that if America will purge itself of fear — fear of defeat, fear that Great Britain cannot win, fear of war, fear of peace, fear of change — it will help carry the war against Hitlerism to victory.

Only defeatism, delay and timidity can bring disaster. The bold and courageous cannot lose.

it now, than he has of Nazifying Britain. Far from believing that Hitler cannot be beaten, Britain is now convinced to a man that he can be beaten and beaten completely.

A year ago Britain was less confident. The British with their backs to the wall, almost unarmed, except for a magnificent though small Air Force, and an unbeatable Navy, with characteristic stubbornness refused to believe that defeat was possible.

With grim determination they set out to rearm themselves. They

By John Gordon

made many blunders. They went about the job slowly. They took many hard knocks on sea and on land in the process. They had to watch their cities being laid in ruins, and the populations being scarred and torn.

But they set their jaws grimly and held on. Their determination never faltered. Sentimentality went out of their nature as the months of horror piled up, and they became like steel.

Now we have reached the stage when if any Government proposed a peace with Germany — if such a Government were possible which it isn't — it would be hurled from power in an hour. Every man, woman and child in Britain is determined that this war shall not end until Hitler is in the dust, no matter how long it takes, no matter what sacrifices it needs. We are ready to give

all the time, the treasure, and even the lives necessary to achieve that.

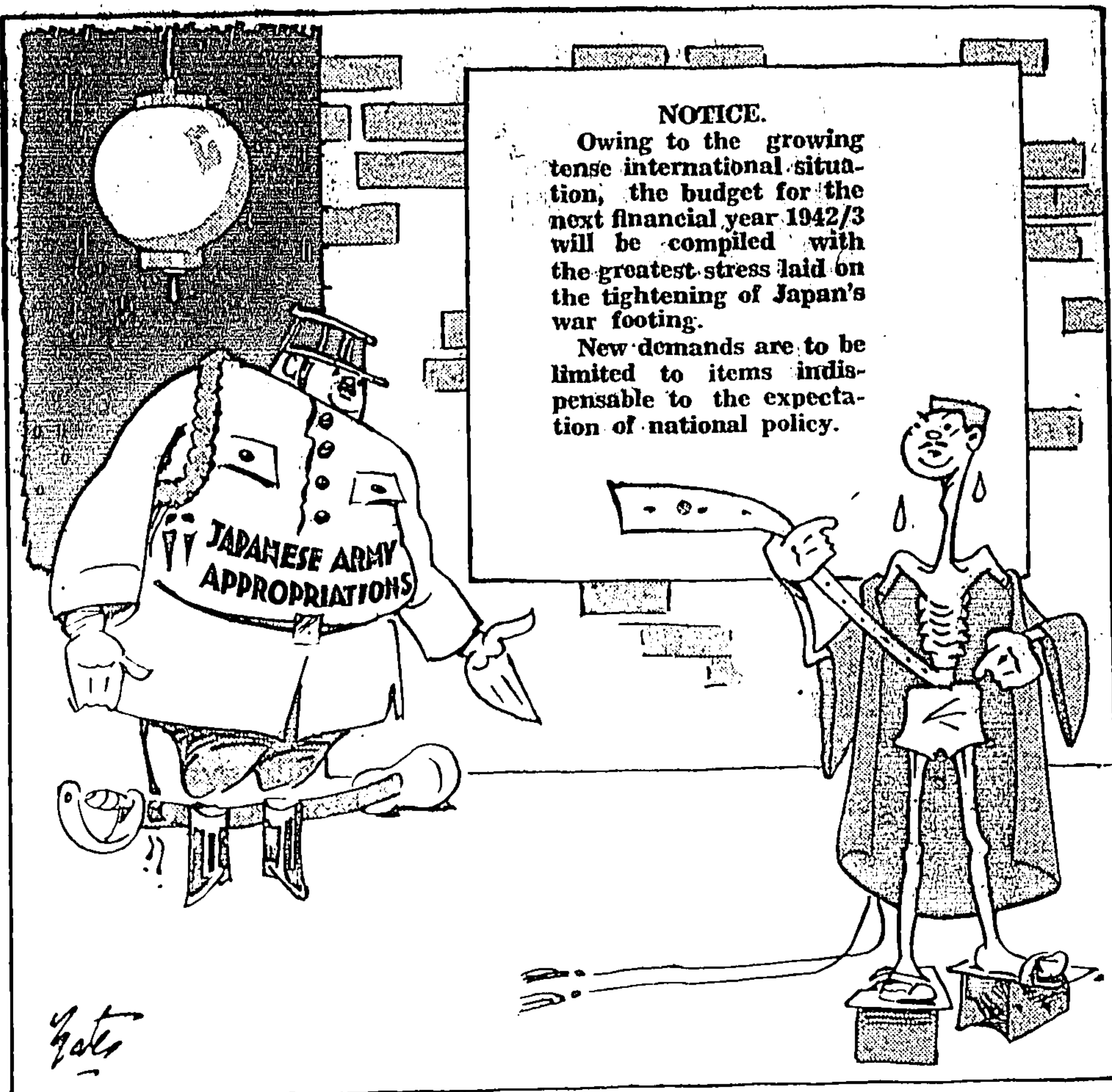
But we do not think it will take so very long. We believe that although Hitler, by careful massing of his forces at selected places, can still pull off a dramatic coup or two, we have the measure of him now. We believe he has shot his bolt. We believe that the tide is on the turn.

Why are we so confident? I will tell you frankly. The Battle of the Atlantic has been a rough affair for us. But the losses are going down. We are getting the upper hand slowly but surely. The destruction or the immobilisation of those three great ships on which Hitler gambled so much as ocean raiders, Bismarck, Gneisenau, and Scharnhorst have saved the day for us. The smaller raiders, the U. Boats and the sea bombers, are lesser menaces and in due course they will be mopped up.

The Mediterranean situation, complicated a little by the loss of Crete, is not so bad as it was in the week France fell, in spite of all that has happened. Hitler will never reach the Suez Canal. He will never succeed in closing the Mediterranean.

Hitler's greatest danger, the real reason why he is filling the world with phoney peace stories is a very simple one. Thanks to American aid, and to the fact that his bombers have not succeeded in slowing up production in Britain, in spite of all their efforts, the Air Force of Britain is now almost equal in strength to Germany's. And the full tide of production has not yet begun to flow either in Britain or America. That time is approaching.

Hitler gambled that Air Power would win him this war. Air Power is going to defeat him instead. He knows that and that is why he is so anxious to get peace talk going. It is he who has his back to the wall at this moment. Not Britain.



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LITTLE NORWAY'S HOME IN SCOTLAND

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

TUCKED AWAY among the hills of Scotland I found something of "The Norway" that used to lie on the other side of the North Sea.

It was the real happy Norway that sooner or later—they all hope sooner—will return from its temporary abode in Scotland.

The impression of being in the old Norway, given by the terrain, was heightened by womenfolk wearing Norwegian peasant costume and the Norwegian flag flying proudly in the breeze while even direction posts nearby were in Norwegian.

The men are preparing to join in ousting the Nazi invader from Norway. Many of them have already paid a short visit home, for in the camp I found several men who had taken part in the Lofoten and Oksfjord raids, raids which gave tremendous encouragement to those still under bondage in Norway.

Fine stalwart fellows were these Norwegians, officers and men. All were thirsting for revenge, and judging from what I saw, that thirst will take some quenching: I should not like to be a German living in Norway.

In the camp were Norwegians who, without hesitation, had come from all quarters of the globe to Britain to enrol in the Norwegian armed forces—from South Africa, Canada, Australia, South America, the Near East and Far East.

Sturdy Whale Men

Many of them were sturdy whale men who had spent most of their lives in the Antarctic.

One batch were arriving home after two years abroad when they learnt of the German invasion of Norway.

Although they had not seen their wives and families, for whom they had brought many souvenirs of their travels, for such a long time, they did not hesitate to turn the ship round before reaching Norwegian waters and make immediately for England.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI EXCHANGE CONTROL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL DISCUSSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHINESE CURRENCY STABILISATION FUND ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG ON THE ARRIVAL OF MR. MANUEL FOX, AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD, WHO IS ON HIS WAY FROM SHANGHAI TO HONG KONG.

In Hong Kong, Mr. Fox will meet Mr. K. P. Chen, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Tsu Yee-pei, and the British representative, Mr. Rodgers.

Financial circles in Shanghai denied reports that the Chinese Government is contemplating the issue of "gold exchange" notes as a counter to Japanese activities in the Shanghai market.

Mr. Fox is expected to make a detailed report on the Shanghai market for the Board in Hong Kong.—Our Own Correspondent.

FOUR OF FAMILY DIE IN BLAZE

A STOCKY MINER KISSED HIS WIFE GOODBYE WHEN HE LEFT HIS COTTAGE FOR A SWANSEA COLLIERY.

When he reached the pit-head he was told his wife and three young children had been burned to death.

Dead are Mrs. Gwyneth Evans, 29, of Vine-lane, Ystalyfera, and her three children, Maureen, 4, Nan, 2, and William, 9 months.

A neighbour told the "Daily Mirror": "Mrs. Evans kept a fire burning all night."

Ukraine Scorched Earth

Fulfilling Stalin's scorched earth policy the Russians in the Ukraine are destroying as much as possible and have partly succeeded, says the correspondent of the Helsinki "Sanomat" with the German troops in the Ukraine.

The Russians are specially concentrating on rendering useless gas and water services and electric communication.

Not all grain stocks were destroyed because some were still green.

All signs point to sanguinary fighting having taken place, and German soldiers confirm reports of the Russian soldiers' bravery.

The correspondent, who was a member of a party of 10 foreign journalists who made the journey, says the Germans were surprised by the quality of the Russian armoured cars.—Reuter.

WIMPEY IS SAFE

Wimpey, one of the last members of the R.A.F. to get out of Greece, has arrived safely back in Cairo after being flown across the Mediterranean.

The first thing this member of one of the crack British fighter squadrons did was devour a pork chop.

Wimpey is a two-month-old spaniel puppy.

German Humour?

"A nasty surprise for the Japanese," was the Moscow radio announcer's comment on Germany's latest propaganda film meant to illustrate the operations against the Red Army.

The film purports to depict "atrocities" of the Soviet Air Force against "defenceless populations," but the Moscow radio announcer pointed out that the "picture could immediately be recognised by anyone who knows the region as being pictures taken during the bombing of Kansu by the Japanese fleet air arm.

"Details of the landscape and of the operations carried out leave no doubt as to the origin of the film."—Reuter.

MILLIONAIRE DUKE SAVED ESTATE £300,000

BY HIS ECONOMY as a millionaire the twenty-seven-year-old ninth Duke of Northumberland, who, as a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards was killed in France last year, realised in death his ambition in life to conserve the Percy estates.

Further grants of probate showed that by what he called "lightening his be." he saved the estates £300,000. It was announced that probate had been granted for lands valued at £355,600 to make a total of £1,802,089, or £300,000 more than he inherited in 1930.

Because he was killed on active service the death duties will be discounted according to his expectation of life. This means that they will total about £230,000, instead of £690,000, with the result that the younger brother who succeeded him has been left more than was left by their father.

Closed His Castle

It was to conserve the estates that the ninth duke told his tenants of his decision to close the 200-roomed Alnwick Castle, in Northumberland, for 630 years the home of the Percys. It was from this feudal fortress that Harry Percy, the great Hotspur and Shakespeare's "valiant rebel,"

called forth to fight the Earl of Douglas.

The duke made his home at Lesbury House, Alnwick, a twenty-roomed house on the estate. The castle became wartime home of Newcastle Church High School for Girls.

In his announcement the duke explained that earlier he had to sell property that had been in the family for centuries to pay death duties.

He said that the estates had paid death duties twice in twelve years; that when his father died in 1930, £1,000,000 was paid on an estate valued at £2,500,000. In 1918, when his grandfather died, the Exchequer took £180,000.

"I must lighten my belt," he said to his tenants. "No one is more alive to the value of tradition than I, but when it comes to a choice between the tradition of living in a castle and the tradition of doing one's best to maintain this estate there can be no hesitation."

RACE AT 5 M.P.H. FOR 410 MILES

Snapped on light. Instantly cursed myself for a fool, and snapped it off again. Felt way to passage and into street. All window frames in all houses dangling out. Cloud of dust at end of street.

No sign of life till stoutish middle-aged man crawled out of cellar hole and stood swaying on pile of rubble in road.

He kept muttering, "Don't know how I got out. . . . don't know how I got out. . . ." Asked him, "Anybody else in there?"

He said, "Yes; landlord, his wife and daughter."

'CHUTE MAN IS TOUGH

Turned towards cellar, but he grabbed my arm and, still swaying with shock, muttered, "Do me a favour, will you, mate? Go down there and fetch my coat and waistcoat."

"Down there" was a mass of rubble. At that moment another man with fire-watcher's armlet heaved himself out.

"It's no use," he said. "I've got one of them so far, but I'm afraid his back's broken, and he's in the way of the others." Luckily, rescue men began to arrive almost as he spoke.

Went over to fire in smashed blocks of flats. Beginning to be dangerous.

Could see gutted shop fronts all way down, and helpless shopkeepers pottering about with small belongings. Old man near was standing in doorway hugging framed oleograph.

Rescue men were suffering from heat, wiping sweat from faces. One, carrying limp girl, shouted "Door!" There were no stretchers yet. Someone found door to lay her on.

Driving along a country road in his car, an R.A.F. officer pulled up at the sight of a khaki-clad figure waving him to a standstill.

It was a strange man who ran round to the door of the car. Though obviously a British soldier, his uniform was hardly standard pattern, and he had traces of parachute harness still on him.

The officer was even more amazed when the soldier sharply ordered him out of the car. He was angry, and refused to obey the order, and was just about to give the soldier a lesson in discipline when he was met by a beautiful right-hand punch to the jaw and deposited in a hedge. His car vanished.

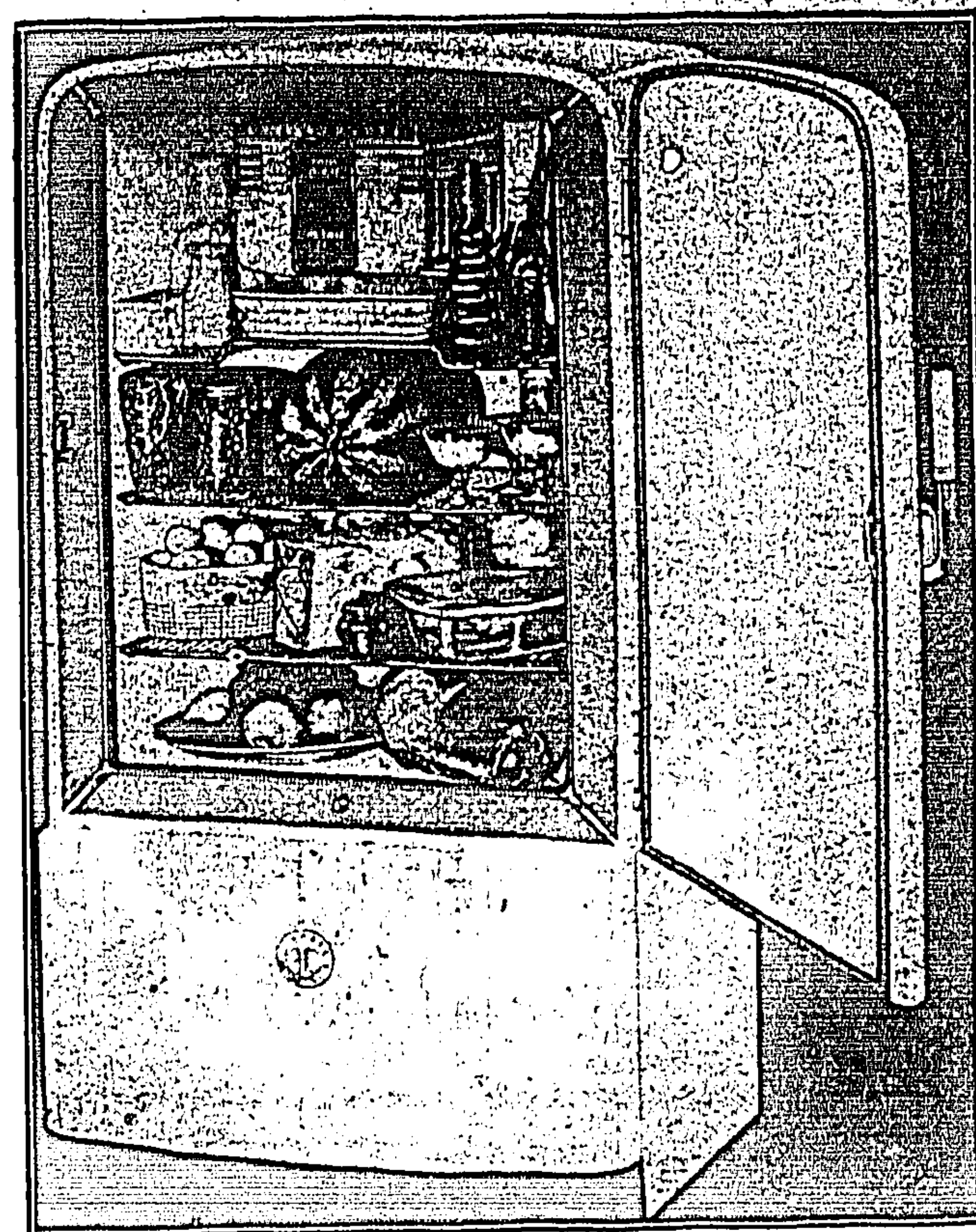
THREE TRAWLERS SUNK

The Board of Admiralty regrets to announce that H.M. trawlers Ash (Lieut. A. C. Newell N.Z.R.N.V.R.) and Akranes have been sunk. There were no casualties on H. M. trawler Akranes.—Reuter.

An official communique in London states: "Up to 8 p.m. last evening no reports had been received of any activity over this country yesterday." — Reuter.

Announcing forthcoming Parliamentary business the Lord Privy Seal stated that on the last of the next three sitting days there would be a debate in secret session on home defence.—British Wireless.

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Film actor George Raft broke three ribs and bruised his stomach in a fall from a 30ft. pole while playing the role of a power linesman in a rainstorm.—Reuter.

OLDEST CHORISTER KILLED

Mr. John Nuttjng, 86, formerly headmaster of Munster Road School, Fulham, S.W., killed during a recent air raid on London, had been a chorister for seventy-five years and was believed to have been the oldest in Britain.

Pioneers and infantry have been temporarily removed from their quarters to permit racing during the summer, stated the Financial Secretary, War Office.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental
			N.	S.	E.	W.		
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No 2386	Junction of Un Chau Street and Fat Tsung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	As per sale plan				About 18,360	\$252
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2.		Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4311. Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road & Mok Cheong Street, Ma Tau Chung.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About \$14,800	\$170

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

NO. 51

By The Four Aces

We don't really like to sermonise, but to-day's crime hand clearly points a moral:

South, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

NORTH

A J 9 6 5 4

Q J 7 4

Q

K J 7

WEST

K 2

9 8 5 2

J 7 6 3

A 10 9

EAST

K Q 10 7 3

Q J 7 4

10 9 5 4 2

6 3 2

SOUTH

A K 10 6 3

A K 8

K Q 8 5 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1 Pass 1 Pass

3 Pass 3 Pass

6 Pass 6 Pass

West opened the eight of spades, and South saw a chance to win thirteen tricks. He won the first trick with the spade Ace, cashed the diamond Queen, and ruffed a low spade. The Ace and King of diamonds allowed South to discard dummy's clubs, and then South led a low club and ruffed in dummy.

A low spade was returned from the North hand, and South ruffed with the heart six. But West over-ruffed with the eight of hearts, and West then returned a trump. After this return, South could not manage to win the rest of the tricks but was set one trick.

Be sure you see the right crime before you read on, for there's more than one misdeed concealed in the story we have just told.

South was the criminal, of course, and his chief crime consisted in trying to win thirteen tricks. Instead of trying to discard dummy's clubs and cross-ruff, he should have conceded a trick to the club Ace, drawn trumps, and won twelve tricks with ease.

But even if South decided to cash the diamonds and play for a cross-ruff, he should have ruffed the third round of spades with the ten of hearts. He could then continue by ruffing a club with dummy's remaining low heart, and from then on he could cross-ruff with trump honours. That line of play would produce twelve tricks without risk.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

A J 9 3

K 10 4

Q K 5

J 9 8 7

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Maler

1 Pass 1 Pass

2 Pass 2 Pass

3NT Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. Sooner or later you must show support for the hearts, and this is the best time to do so. The

KEEPING PIGEONS DRY

Homing pigeons used in rescue work by the R.A.F. are now being carried in new type containers specially designed to be watertight and buoyant. The idea is to keep the pigeons warm and dry in the event of the aircraft making a forced descent in the sea.

Various experimental types of metal containers are now being tried out, based on designs evolved by the pigeon specialists of the R.A.F., sufficiently buoyant to afford considerable assistance to a member of the crew perhaps swimming from a sinking aircraft to the emergency dinghy. Another sort is square.

Forced descents on the water by aircraft returning from raids or reconnaissance patrols sometimes occur at night. If their radio cannot be used their pigeons form a vital link with the aircraft's home station. But as the birds cannot home by night it is necessary to keep them dry and fit until the dawn, ready for their flight to base, and rescue for the crews. Wet feet literally gives a pigeon cold feet; and worse, possibly cause its death.

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jump to three hearts indicates that you have a fairly good hand; two hearts would indicate a very weak hand.

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Question No. 765

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	(7)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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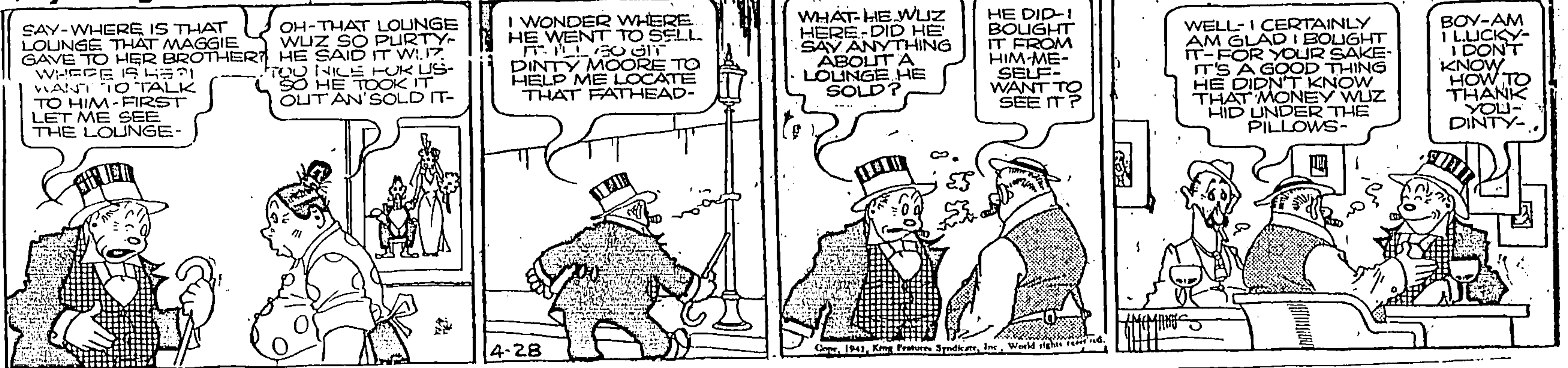
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By George MacManus

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12.47 p.m.—Cello Solos by Emanuel Feuermann.

Her Bright Shide Haunts Me Still (Wright).

Nocturne in E Flat (Chopin Op. 9 No. 2)

Oriental (Kaleidoscope Op. 54 No. 9)

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary

1.02 p.m.—The Organ, The Dance Band and Me, and Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Fox-Trots—Never Took a Lesson in My Life

The Neutness of You

The Organ, The Dance Band and Me

Tango El Que A Hietto Mata

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The Organ, The Dance Band and Me

Tango Mano A Mano

Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro

Fox-Trot All over the Place

Quick-Step Chorus

The Organ, The Dance Band and Me

1.30 p.m.—Reader and Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—Vocal and Instrumental Variety

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Tom Martin (Vocal) with Orchestral

Avant De Mourir Serenade

Alexander Bregowsky (Violin) with Orchestral

Get Out of Town (Porter) I Won't Tell a Soul (Parker, Charles)

Francis Langford (Vocal) with Victor Young & his Orchestra

Life in Spain (Nietel) Water Candy & Liquor (Chureca) Zabaleta

Sierra Sue (Carey) Only Forever (from Rhythm on the River)

Denny Dennis (Vocal)

2.15 p.m.—Close down

6.03 p.m.—Indian Programme

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations

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Wait! If Tears Could Bring You Back, Fox-Trot I'll Never Make the Same Mistake Again The Organ, The Dance Band and Me

7.30 p.m.—Film Selections.

The Girl of the Golden West—Sun-up to Sundown (Kahn-Romberg)

Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestral

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Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and his Boy Friends

Paradise for Two—Kiss Me Goodnight, In a Paradise for Two (Vocal) with Orchestra Patricia Ellis

King Revel Selection Felix Mendelssohn & his Orchestra

Mayfair Melody Without the Moon; San Diego Betty Keith Falkner (Baritone) with Orchestra

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post"—Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda

8.30 p.m.—Charlie Kunz (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

The Whistler And His Dog (Pryor) The Robinson Cleaver

Kunz Revivals No. 20—Intro You Are My Lucky Star, I've Got a Feeling You're Fooling, She's Funny That Way, Did You Ever Have a Feeling You're Flying, A Little Dash of Dublin, Everything's in Rhythm with My Heart

Charlie Kunz

Canadian Capers (White & others), Czardas (Monti) Robinson Cleaver

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Medley Intro Ca C'est Paris; Harbour Lights; Massed Bands of the Guards; Boo-Hoo; Little Old Lady of Poverty Street; Red, White and Blue Robinson Cleaver

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary

9.02 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

Love's Dream After The Ball (Czibulka) Mandoline Orchestra.

Czardas (Grossmann, arr. Kotelly); Voices of Spring (J. Strauss)

Ferdie Kauffman & his Orchestra

9.15 p.m.—London—"Allied Occasions".

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9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—Brahms—Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98.

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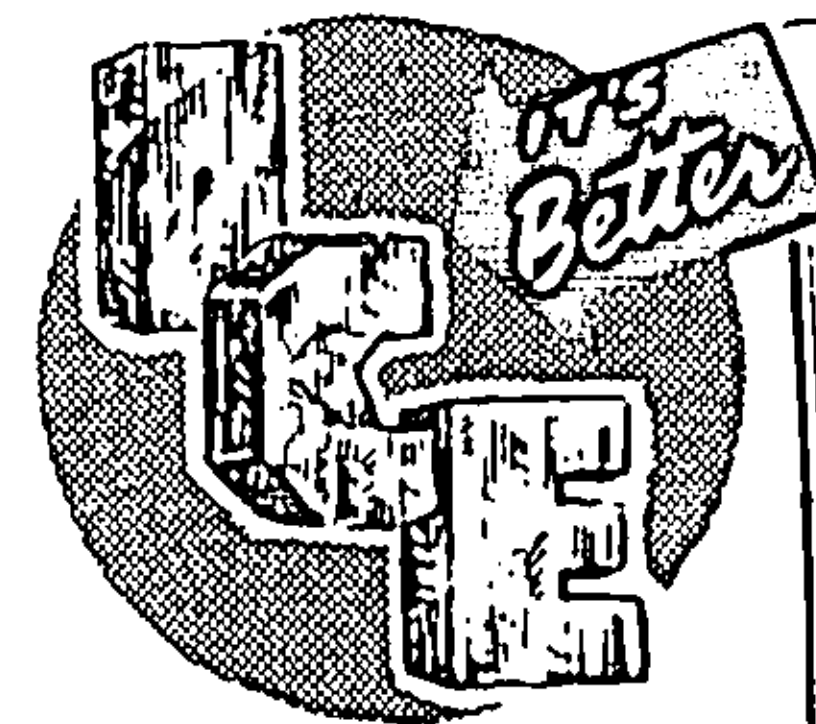


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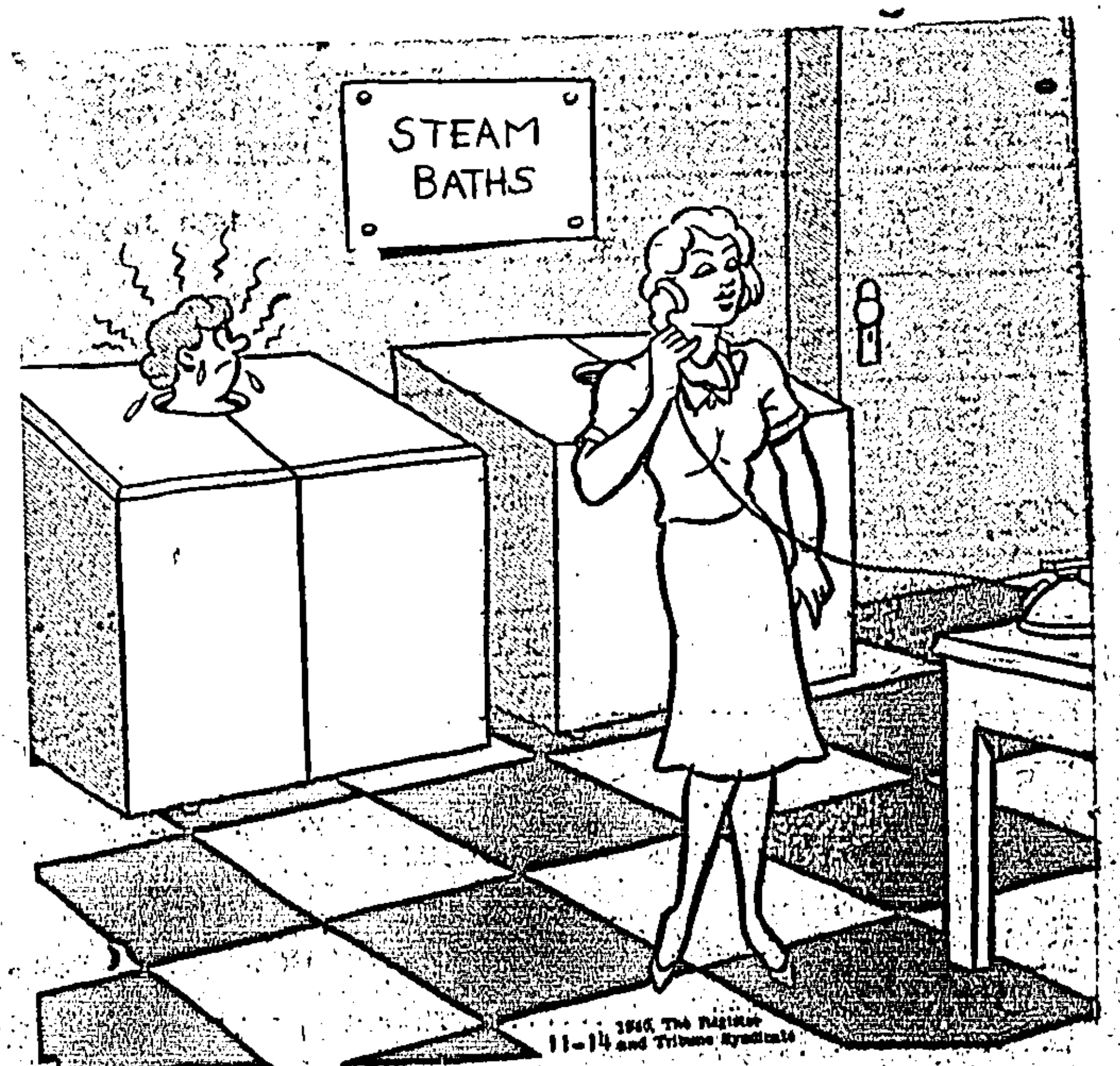
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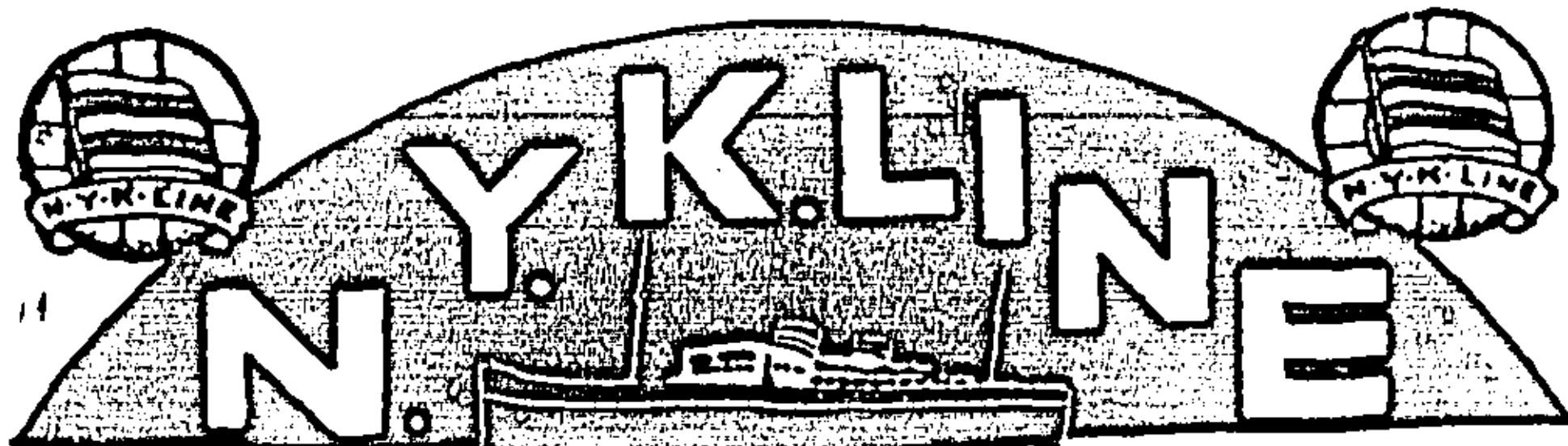
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While no statement is yet available of the armistice terms to be placed before General Dentz, Vichy High Commissioner in Syria, relief is naturally felt in Britain at the possibility of an early cessation of what "The Times" describes as "this unhappy minor war."

Relief is of a twofold kind. The Syrian campaign, says "The Times," "has already cost the Empire between one thousand and fifteen hundred casualties and these losses do not apparently include those suffered by the Free French."

"The figures are small by comparison with those of the great campaigns but they are woefully large for one waged against forces of a former ally, against men who inspire us with no hostile feelings—however, much we may condemn the policy of those who made our action necessary, against men whom only the backwash of the Nazi attack upon civilisation has made our enemies for a time."

A similar opinion is expressed in the "Daily Telegraph" which, dealing with the announcement of a formal application by Dentz, says: "No announcement could be more grateful to this country, for the thought that the French and British armies were fighting no longer side by side but against one another was as repugnant as the thought of internecine war."

Unnatural Antagonism

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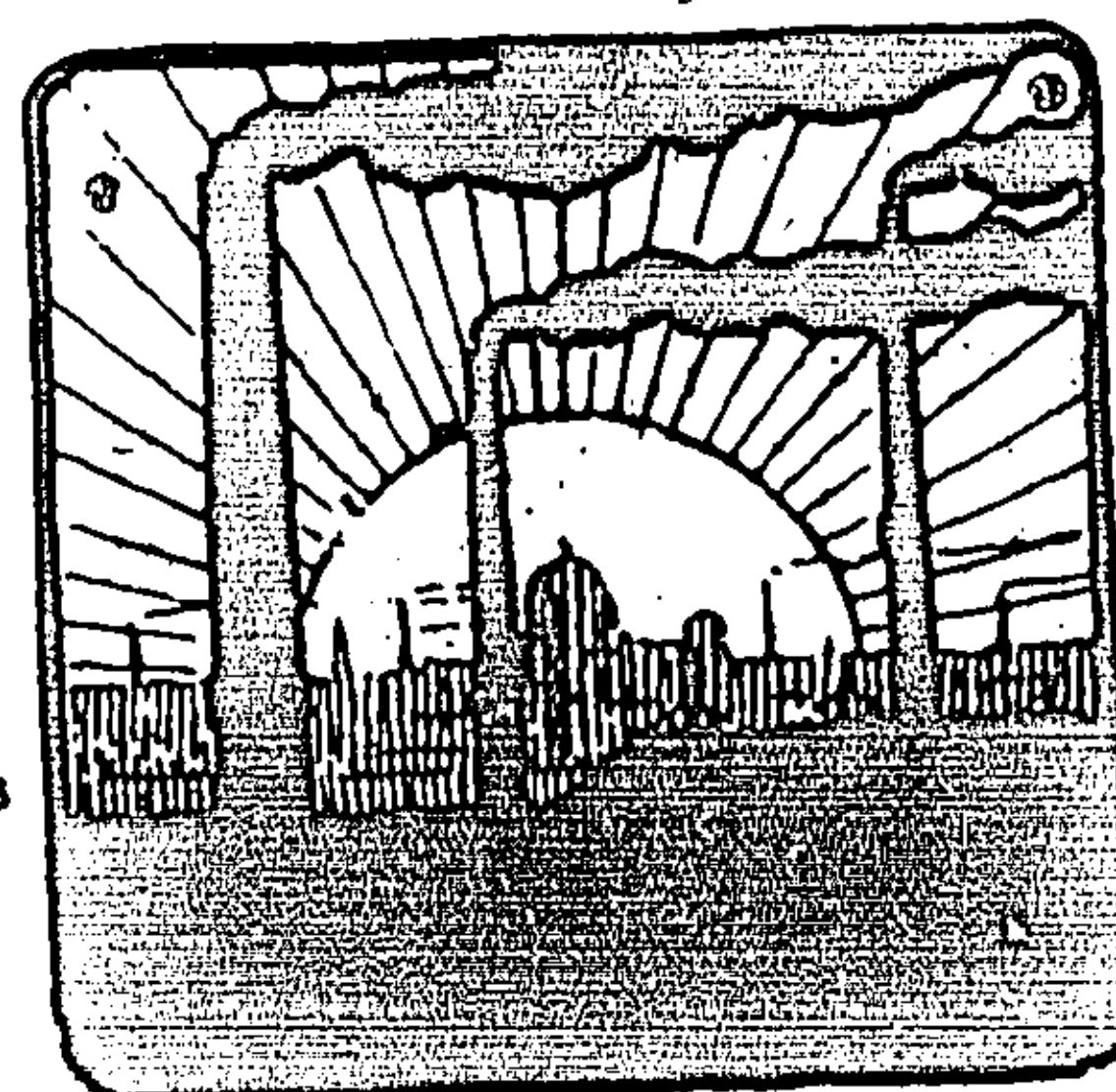
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RAKUSEN'S UNCANNY DRAWING

By "Skip"

ALTHOUGH MOST LAWN BOWLERS GAVE UP HOPE OF A GAME WHEN THE SKIES BECAME VERY BLACK JUST ABOUT STARTING TIME LAST SATURDAY, I HEARD OF ONE PLAYER WHO WON A BET THAT THE GAME WOULD BE PLAYED. HE WAS RIGHT, OF COURSE, BUT HIS PLEASURE IN WINNING THE BET WAS NO MORE THAN THAT OF THE OTHER 311 PLAYERS WHO GOT THEIR GAME WHEN THERE SEEMED SO LITTLE HOPE.

According to my forecast in last Saturday's "China Mail," there were no upsets in the First or Third Divisions, but I found rather indigestible, the tin hat which I promised to eat if Kowloon Football Club did not beat their Hong Kong friends! Prison Officers also upset my calculations in this division by severely trouncing Craigengower. In First Division Craigengower did themselves a little bit of all right, so to speak, by their 100 per cent. victory over Club de Recreio "A" their margin of 27 shots being very convincing.

Police, for whom Shepherd lost for the first time this season, nearly came a cropper against Indians, but the other wins in this division were pretty definite.

Hong Kong Cricket Club and Kowloon Tong won as anticipated in Second Division, whilst there were a couple of sweep-winning victories in Third Division, Kowloon Bowling Green Club having the biggest win of the day and Kowloon Football Club the next best, their opposite numbers from the Valley being their victims.

Craigengower's victory over the champions was certainly an unexpectedly big one, especially in view of the fact that the ultimate losers held their own for fully a third of the game. But then a decided rot set in: Luz, who had blanked Charlie Russell whilst he was scoring nine in the first four or five heads, could not score again until his adversary had added no less than a couple of dozen shots, including a count of 6. The home four, once they got into this raking stride, were out-bowling their opponents' men for man. Gaddi, a comparative newcomer to the team, added his quota in this revival, I am told: he is playing very well.

Bradbury And Coates Responsible For Win

BRADBURY and C. G. Silva had a close game most the way until a nap hand gave the homester a definite ascendancy which he retained. A couple of Joes in Leonard and Luz had a great game as leads here, and the home man had a slight edge, but it was Alf Coates and Bradbury himself who made victory possible.

In spite of a count of seven, "Spuggy" could make no impression on Omar, but it must be said that the big count came when all was over bar the shouting, for he was trailing, 23/11 with only a couple of heads to go!

The big score was made possible by a brilliant shot from Jackie Noronha, third man to Silva, for he picked out the enemy's nearest wood, probably the first shot to lay 6. The visiting skip added one and Omar was a shade narrower in his efforts to save. Had he trailed the kitty, a useful score would have gone to his side instead of the opposition, I am told.

Here again the two leads were excellent, BUT K. M. OMAR OUTSHONE ALL THE OTHER SEVEN MEN ON VIEW. Dick Bassa can rarely have played such a poor game.

Rakusen's Brilliance Alone Brings Victory

KOWLOON Cricket Club came back to winning form at the expense of the Civil Servants, only "Arthur" Rakusen winning for the visitors.

WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASISE RAKUSEN AS IT WAS HE ALONE WHO GAINED THE VICTORY. HIS GAME WAS ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT EXHIBITIONS OF SKIPPING SEEN ON THE COX'S ROAD GREEN. On only two heads did he fail, and these resulted in his losing a brace of fours.

He played only one heavy wood all afternoon the rest of his game being simply and solely a drawing one; and how he drew through ports, only as big as the eye of a needle—so to speak—was uncanny!

For Madar, Bertie Guest had a slight advantage over McKay as lead, whilst Parsons was far better than his opponent. Both Mulcahy and Ebbage were patchy—brilliant at times—but Tommy Madar, as my previous remarks will convey, could make no impression on Rakusen.

Teddy Fincher had an excellent lead in Perry and this early advantage plus his own success, especially with pound-on shots, enabled him to get the better of Simmonds by 10 shots. The latter did not have very much support, except from Elliott Purvis, but he was useful for only about half the game.

Bebbington had a comfortable victory over McGowan but, although he was very steady himself, it was George Taylor who took the eye mostly. He played his best game in what is proving to be a good season for him.

Greig Makes Welcome Return As Skip

KOWLOON Dock were never in the running against their old friends Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Adam Holland's re-arranged rink playing havoc with Ferguson's right from the start to ease the minds of the other two rinks, who were not having matters all their own way. Malcolm Ferguson, in spite of his big defeat—he was 29/4 to the bad at one time—played a very good game, but the odds were too heavy and an ultimate loss by 16 was a just reflection of the run of the game.

The two leads on the second rink, Phillios and Thom, were fairly evenly matched with the home one having a slight edge, but Levett was the mainstay of his rink, ably abetted by McKelvie, his skip. There was only one in it at the 12th head, but the Austin Road four forged ahead then. Willie Greig, who has not played League bowls for some time—possibly a couple of seasons—made his debut as skip against Alf Hall, for whom Bob Duncan appeared as No. 3 for the first time. The debutant skip had the best result in losing by only 7 shots against a strong combination. The first two Dock men, McMaster and Mackie, were beating Lockhart and White, and they gave Duncan and Hall plenty of opportunities to shine.

Dallah Might Have Saved Match

AT Happy Valley, Police pulled off a very narrow win against Indians, Shepherd's 3 at the last head meaning a win by one more. This hitherto unbeaten skip lost to Dallah by 9 shots.

SOUTAR'S ACCURATE LENGTH

Only one lawn bowls match was played yesterday, this being a Colony Pairs Championship match in which W. H. E. Colledge and E. Kirman were beaten 23-15 by W. Harris and A. Soutar.

Colledge and his partner played well at the start but then Harris and Soutar got into their stride, particularly Soutar who found a very accurate length, and they turned the scores from 3-9 against them at the 9th to 13-1 in their favour at the 13th after scoring 10 shots at 3 ends, including a 6 at the 13th.

From this point onwards they could not do wrong and after giving away a single went off again to register another 9 at the next 4 ends.

Scores were as follows:—
Harris & Soutar 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 3 1
6 0 3 1 3 2 0 0 1
Colledge & Kirman 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 3 0 2
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and the conqueror was well worthy of his success. He played such a remarkably good game throughout that it is almost unkind to mention that he had been "up amongst 'em" with his last wood he might have saved the game. But he wasn't very short anyway.

The south-pawed Khan came into his game after a rather lean season, and his work at lead, against so steady a player as McLeod, helped Dallah considerably. Harris was again good for Shepherd, but Dallah has gone off the last couple of games and was not so good. Shepherd was.

Ted Post and Forrest made possible Jack Fender's win against Abbas, who was well supported by his right-hand man, A. M. Rumihi. Fender was erratic, whilst Rumihi did not find his touch—or is it his hand legs—yet. Mair and Minu were evenly matched until the last half-dozen heads, on all of which, except a dead one, the home skip scored to give him victory by 7 shots.

Peckham Makes Good With Aid Of Sykes

GUY'S rink could do little right over at King's Park with the result that the other two rinks never had much chance of making a game of it. Peckham, who was up against Charlie Silva in accordance with my wishful thinking, made good. In fact he and Len Sykes excelled themselves, and this rink had the only visiting win. Johnny Remedios played his usual good game as third man to Silva, but the latter somehow did not seem too happy as skip.

"Doc" Tony Gutierrez and Meyer had a great fight with the former worthily winning by five shots. Two excellent leads in Xavier and Morton shared the honours as did Eddie Souza and A. Sims. In fact the same may be said of the other players with the qualification that the home skip's pound-on shots, which were excellent, turned the scales in his favour.

On one occasion, with the visitors counting three beauties, he came up like a ton of bricks, shifted all three and got three himself. Clever stuff. Little can be said about John Basto's win against Guy, except that man for man they were all over the opposition WITH LOPES AS THIRD MAN, REALLY DEADLY.

FRASER'S BIG PART IN NISH'S 34-12 WIN

By "Skip"

MORE uncertainty! Nish and Rosario score at eighth head 13-12 to Nish after conceding a six. Final score 34-12 to Nish! Star turn in this exhibition—for that is what it became—was J. A. FRASER HIS LEAD. HE COULD NOT KEEP AWAY FROM THE JACK.

"Edgar"—inevitably—Wallis had another big win with Herbert Randall as his victim—and has won all his five matches to date.

In spite of a good lead's display by Rozza, who covered himself with glory and his woods with chalk, Coelho lost to K. C. Hamilton by a few shots.

There seemed a certain amount of reluctance to win on the part of both of these skips, for they spent most of their time in giving each other shots! There was a thrilling finish to the game between Indians and Police at Sookunpoo, the former taking revenge for the defeat inflicted on their big brothers, Wahan, erstwhile First Division player, was the hero of the match, his last wood snatching a couple of points for his side. It was his rink's win by 5, which carried the day also.

KEN ROBERTSON'S RINK DISPLAY ALMOST INTERPORT STANDARD

By "Skip"

ONE HEARS A LOT OF THE UNCERTAINTIES OF CRICKET, BUT THE UNCERTAINTIES OF OUR GAME ARE NOT SO FAR BEHIND—WHICH LOOKS LIKE THE BASIS OF AN ARTICLE ONE OF THESE DAYS! BUT REALLY I AM LEADING UP TO KERN'S DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF KEN ROBERTSON'S RINK IN SECOND DIVISION ON SATURDAY.

This same rink of his, Naef, Eastman, and Downan started the bowls word the previous week by scoring a "possible" at the very first head—and on Saturday they scored a total of 6 shots during the whole game.

And let me add right away that it was not Ernie Kern's fault that he lost: not by any means, for he played an excellent game throughout: but you blow against a typhoon.

This Hong Kong Football Club rink was absolutely deadly all the way down: Shaw, as lead, played a really inspiring game, Jan Pearce slipped one or two more in, as requested, and "Brooky" has not played better this season. Robertson, when he didn't block, was drawing beautifully to complete a rink that was playing almost Interport bowls.

Youngusband was skipping again, and he had a pretty useful win against Jake Selby, who was skipping for the first time in the League since his return from holiday. Young Tony Lapsley was in good trim as lead to the visiting skip and he had the measure of Coleman, who was substituting for Howell.

Vic Chittenden was the backbone of Simpson's rink which just managed to scrape home against Willie Macfarlane, by two shots.

Bagley Red-Hot

PERHAPS I should have given pride of place to the game at Stanley, where Prison Officers not only beat Craigengower but rubbed it in pretty severely. Bagley, who played with his other arm still in plaster, was red-hot against Bill Way's quartette and won by 20 which, just by way of over weight included—no puns intended—a four and a five at the last two heads. He had had similar counts earlier on in the game. McCutcheon also got a nap hand at the last head, Tommy Lock being his victim, but he won by only that margin, which gives an idea of the evenness of the game throughout. It was the three who shone in this game, both George Foster and Ernie Zimmern playing excellently. It was touch and go on the other rink, too, only Gowland's scores at the last couple of heads enabling him to get the better of "Doc" Karanila.

Brown Excels

A NICE sporting gesture on the part of a Portuguese player was the fact that he specially sent me a message asking me to pay tribute to a player in the opposite team. A. W. Brown, of Hong Kong Cricket Club,

was the player he mentions, and I have pleasure in handing him the bouquet. I understand he played an outstanding game and that he and R. A. Davies, his lead, were mainly responsible for the rink's big win against O. P. Remedios. They were a dozen up, but Frank Goodwin was down by an outstanding number to "Corney" Pereira, in spite of his own fine play. The visitors got away to a flying start here and never looked back. Costello always had a slight edge on Marcus Carvalho and won by five shots—a just result.

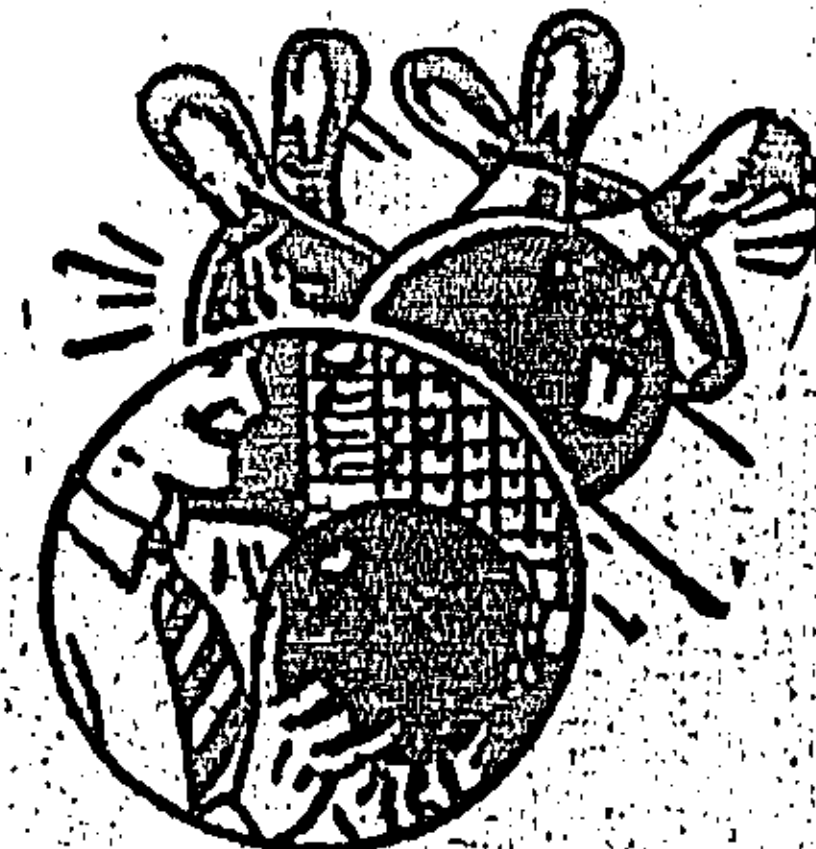
Phoon Outstanding

THERE was never very much in it between Kowloon Tong and Kowloon Cricket Club on the suburban club's green, but the home team stayed the distance better, a six to Stephens at the 16th head making a vital difference to his rink and the match. The team were five down at that stage—he being four of them—but he actually finished up with the biggest win. Norman Mackay could not hold Tribune for the first few heads, but thereafter he was nearly always having the better of him.

I have nothing about the game between Kew and Carr, which the former won by four shots, but I hear that the Spary v. Meadows battle was a good one with a new player in Phoon playing an outstanding game as second man to Spary. Gray was beating Harry Gittins, the home lead, but Phoon usually leveled matters. Meadows' pound-on shots were dangerous, and he secured a useful second shot at the last to win by one, by this method. At the previous head Spary had a great chance of pulling the game out of the fire, but I am told he appeared to play the wrong hand, leaving the other one open for his opponent, who did not let the opportunity pass.

Scots and English-North-East-Coasters often get heated over controversies, each claiming their part of the world as the home of soccer. It is interesting to note, however, that Notts County is the oldest League Football Club in the world.

There were two notable failures in the first match play round of the American Professional Golfers Association championship at Denver, Colorado, yesterday. Paul Runyan, twice holder of the title, lost to Horton Smith on the last green, where he was stymied, and Henry Picard, champion in 1939, lost to Phil Greenwood, of Wisconsin, 4 and 3. Byron Nelson, defending champion and Craig Wood, new American champion, won comfortably, but Sam Snead, twice runner-up, had to play five extra holes before beating Early Martin, of California, at the 23rd.—Reuter.



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DEAKIN TO SKIP AGAIN FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

CRAIGENGOWER, SENIOR LEAGUE LEADERS, ARE MAKING NO CHANGES IN THEIR TEAM FOR THEIR MATCH AGAINST KOWLOON DOCKS, AT HUNG HOM, TOMORROW, BUT IN SECOND DIVISION, A NUMBER OF CHANGES ARE NOTED.

Baptista, lead for Karanjia last week, will play No. 2 to Way in place of Lammert to mark the only change in that rink. In Lock's four, Solina and Ladd, Nos. 1 and 2 respectively last week, will exchange positions, and in Karanjia's quartette the places at Nos. 1 and 2, held by Baptista and Modi respectively last week, will be taken by two Third Division players. Roza, No. 1 to Coelho last week, and Lam, who was Randall's No. 3 last Saturday.

The Third Division team is not completed for A. N. Oiler is down as No. 2 to Randall in place of Pavri, who goes lead in order to release Delgado for duties as No. 3 to Randall.

The place of the promoted Roza, No. 1 to Coelho, will be taken by Pau while La Sun-wing will play No. 2 in Roza's rink. Cui, who is an absentee, Modi, No. 2 to Karanjia in Second Division last week will be No. 1 to Roza instead of Kitenell, to complete the team.

Deakin Skipping

While Rakusen's First Division Civil Service rink remains the same as it was last week, there are several changes in the other two rinks.

Cari and Burling, Nos. 2 and 3 respectively for McGowan, will be replaced by Colledge and Purvis. The latter was No. 3 to Simmonds last Saturday.

Simmonds' place as skip in the third rink will be taken over by the recently returned Deakin, to whom Simmonds will play No. 3. Gellatly will be lead and Carr No. 2.

Kern's Reshuffle

Kern, Kowloon F.C. Second Division skip, is experimenting this week with a complete reshuffle in his rink. Last week the front men were Naef, Eastman and Downman, but to-morrow the order will be Downman, Naef and Eastman.

Younghusband's rink remains unaltered, but in Simpson's four Evans comes into the side as lead in place of Woodcock, who goes down to Third Division, as No. 2 to O'Brien in place of A. Thompson to mark the only change in that team.

No changes have been made in the Kowloon Tong rinks.

Prison Officers are introducing a few switch-overs in their team.

Grindley comes into Bagley's four as No. 2 to replace Hodge, who will be No. 3 to Gowland. Perry, No. 2 to Gowland last Saturday, will be in the same position for McCutcheon instead of Hudson, who goes to the same position in Gowland's four.

Gowland, who had McGrath, Perry and Marvin as his front men, will lead a rink this time comprising Webber, Hudson and Hodge.

Two of the Kowloon Docks rinks remain intact this week but in Calman's four some changes have been effected. Ramsay, who was No. 3 last week, will be lead in place of Thom, who goes down to No. 2 to replace Logan, an absentee this week. Ramsay's place at No. 3 will be taken by Calman.

Selected Teams

CIVIL SERVICE

First Division (v. Police R.C., home):—J. Gellatly, J. R. Carr, E. W. Simmonds, J. W. Deakin (skip), H. McKay, A. F. Shephard, V. S. Eblage, M. N. Rakusen (skip), P. D. Crawley, W. H. F. Colledge, M. E. Purvis, J. F. McGowan (skip). Reserve: T. Seddon.

PRISON OFFICERS

Second Division (v. Kowloon C.C., away):—A. W. Hrecock, R. J. V. Grindley, J. W. Fitzgerald, W. J. Bagley (skip), W. E. Webber, J. W. Hudson, S. Hodge, C. Gowland (skip), V. H. Freeman, A. H. Perry, G. P. Foster, J. McCutcheon (skip). Reserve: J. Jamieson.

KOWLOON TONG

Second Division (v. Recreation, away):—H. A. Castro, A. Madar, A. F. Castro, A. J. Kew (skip), N. A. E. Mueley, F. K. Lim, J. N. Wong, J. L. Stephens (skip), H. Gibbins, M. S. Phoon, W. J. Howard, A. Spary (skip). Friendly (1 rink v. K.C.C., Reserves, away):—T. C. Yeung, P. Lo, R. E. Lee, J. Tang (skip).

KOWLOON F.C.

Second Division (v. Talkoo, home):—B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden, W. C. Simpson (skip), A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, V. N. Allenza, P. Younghusband (skip), C. Downman, W. Naef, A. E. Eastman, E. Kern (skip).

Third Division (v. Craigengower C.C., away):—B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller, T. Fergusson (skip), B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas, J. T. Smalley (skip), G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre, R. M. Ogden (skip).

CRAIGENGOWER

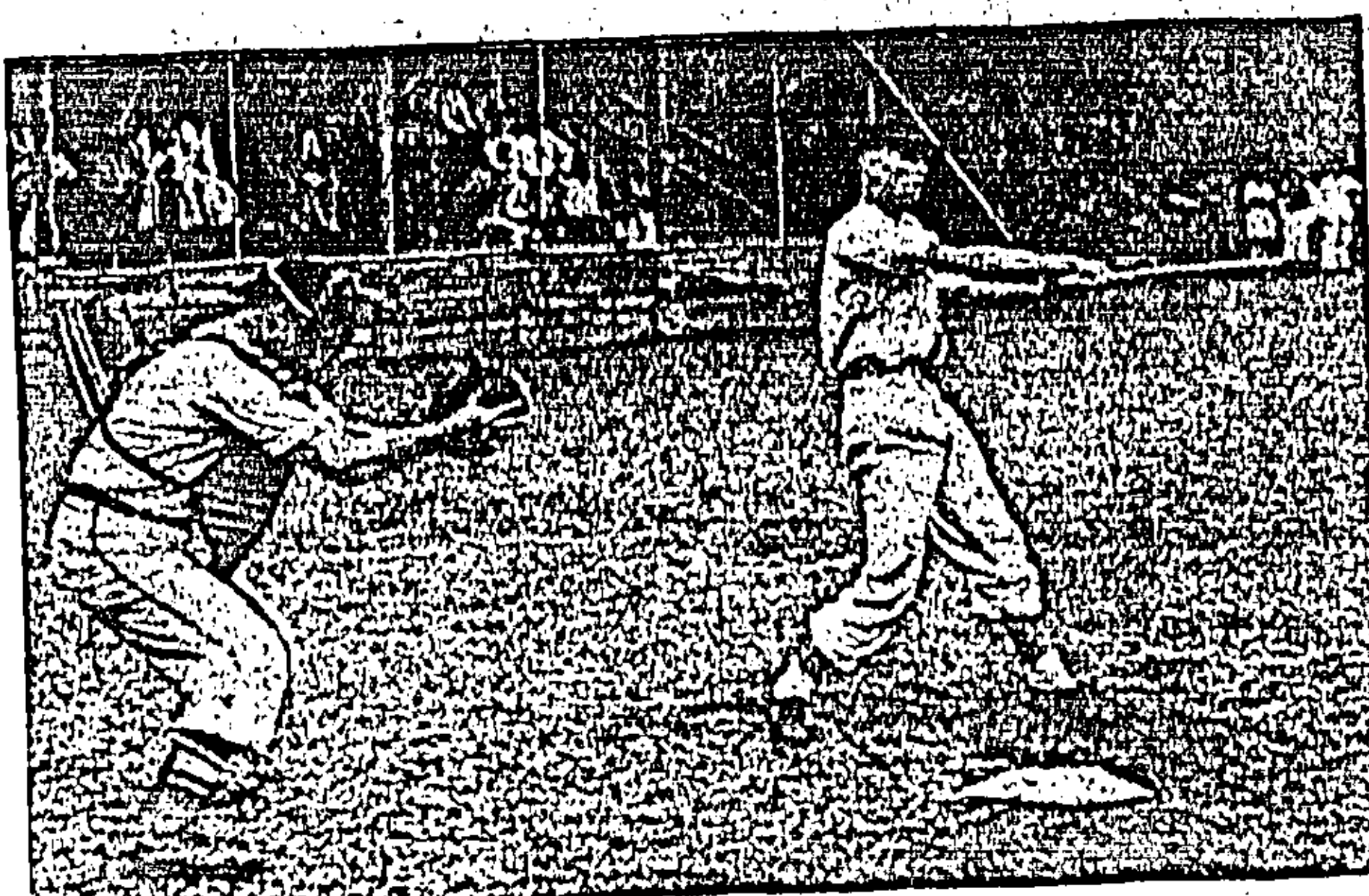
First Division (v. Kowloon Docks R.C., away):—J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip), A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa, U. M. Omar (skip), A. A. Razaek, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt, C. S. Rossielet (skip).

Second Division (v. H.K.F.C., home):—G. S. Ladd, S. R. Solina, E. Zimmerman, T. Lock (skip), J. H. Xavier, M. A. Baptista, M. J. Medina, W. K. Was (skip), L. M. Roza, C. W. Lam, W. Ward, N. P. Karanjia (skip).

Third Division (v. K.F.C., home):—R. K. Pavri, A. N. Oiler, F. X. Delgado, H. W. Randall (skip), J. Pau, A. E. S. Alves, E. S. Franks, A. J. Coelho (skip), W. E. Broadbridge, La Sun-wing, F. K. Modl, D. A. Rosario (skip).

KOWLOON DOCKS

First Division (v. Craigengower C.C., home):—J. V. Ramsay, C. S. M. Thom, A. Calman and R. Morrison (skip). H. H. A. Lapsley, J. Reive, T. Coleman and M. Fergusson (skip). W. McMaster, W. C. K. Mackie, W. Houston and W. Greig (skip).



Cpl. Shaw, Royal Engineers, at bat in the game on Saturday against Hong Kong Baseball Club, which Sappers won by 16 runs to 9 to create the first big upset of the Baseball League season. "Pinky" Higgins is the Mohawk catcher.

CRAIGENGOWER CONTINUE IN WINNING VEIN

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB FURTHER ENHANCED THEIR CHANCES FOR FOURTH DIVISION TENNIS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP HONOURS WITH AN EASY WIN OVER FILIPINO CLUB BY 7 SETS TO 2 AT THE VALLEY.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Filipino Club by 7 sets to 2. Scores:—

K. M. Au and C. M. Lee (C.C.C.):—beat B. Poon and P. Poon 6-1
beat F. Gonzalez and T. Koo 7-5
beat K. K. Ip and L. F. Souza 6-4
Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C.C.C.):—lost to Poon and Poon 3-6
beat Gonzalez and Koo 6-4
beat Ip and Souza 6-3
M. C. Hung and P. C. Yu (C.C.C.):—lost to Poon and Poon 3-6
beat Gonzalez and Koo 6-1
beat Ip and Souza 6-2

Indians' Narrow Win

At Soekunpoo, Indian Recreation Club beat Central British Association by 5 sets to 4. Scores:—

M. H. Hassan and G. Singh (I.R.C.):—beat B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert 6-3
beat N. Whitley and D. T. Smith 6-3
beat D. Tomashsky and V. C. Bond 6-4
M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razaek (I.R.C.):—beat Bickford and Gaubert 6-4
lost to Whitley and Smith 1-6
beat Tomashsky and Bond 6-2
A. J. Suffad and U. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.):—lost to Bickford and Gaubert 5-7
lost to Whitley and Smith 1-6
lost to Tomashsky and Bond 1-6

C.R.C.'s Big Win

Chinese Recreation Club beat Post Office Recreation Club (1) by 8 sets to 1. Scores:—

K. M. Wong and Alfred Lui (C.R.C.):—beat H. Howlett and W. Morrison 6-0
beat D. Fitches and Y. F. Fung 6-2
lost to S. S. Chin and F. K. Chin 4-6
C. M. Tsang and C. F. Choy (C.R.C.):—beat Howlett and Morrison 7-5
beat Fitches and Fung 6-3
beat Chin and Chin 6-1
Chan Yin and Y. K. Chung (C.R.C.):—beat Howlett and Morrison 6-3
beat Fitches and Fung 6-2
beat Chin and Chin 6-1

A.T.C. Win Easily

At King's Park, Army Tennis Club beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 5½ sets to 3½. Scores:—

K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan (K.I.T.C.):—drew with S/Sgt. Ford and L/Cpl. Stoner
lost to L/Cpl. Glasgow and Spr. Elsley 5-7
beat S/Sgt. Mitchell and Sgt. Musson 6-2
Jahan Dad and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.):—beat Ford and Stoner 6-2
beat Glasgow and Elsley 6-4
lost to Mitchell and Musson 2-6
U. H. Eamall and K. Singh (K.I.T.C.):—lost to Ford and Stoner 4-6
lost to Glasgow and Elsley 2-6
lost to Mitchell and Musson 3-6

Match Postponed

The match between Post Office Recreation Club (2) and Jewish Recreation Club was postponed owing to unfitness of their ground.

Table To Date

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	6	0	0	0	46½	7½	12	
C.O.C.	5	5	0	0	38	7	10	
C.R.C.	5	4	1	0	34	11	8	
F.C.	6	4	2	0	30½	20½	8	
C.B.A.	5	2	3	0	20½	20½	4	
A.T.C.	5	2	3	0	23	22	4	
I.R.C.	5	2	3	0	15½	20½	4	
P.O.R.C. (1)	6	2	4	0	16	38	4	
P.O.R.C. (2)	4	1	3	0	12	24	2	
J. R. C.	4	0	4	0	6	27	0	
K.I.T.C.	5	0	5	0	6	39	0	

Whose idea was it for football referees to use whistles? Prior to 1870 small flags were used by referees for signalling purposes, but for a match on the Nottingham Forest ground a suitable flag could not be found. Abandoning the search, an official of the Club had a brain wave. He produced a whistle and thereby started a then "revolution" in signalling and control of matches.

LEW CARSON LEAVING SHAI FOR HOLIDAY

Due to the impending departure from Shanghai, on leave, of Lew Carson, that city's tennis champion, Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association are attempting to speed up the Mixed Doubles Championship Final, in which Carson and Miss Holwill will meet winners of the Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Collico—J. G. Forbes and Mrs. Cato semi-final.

Carson is Shanghai's outstanding all-round athlete, playing squash, golf, softball, basketball, etc. Since his return in 1935 he reigned as Shanghai tennis champion, sweeping all opposition before him. He was Singles champion from 1935-40, winner of the Rotary and Roper trophies, with his partner, C. C. Squires, and winner of the Mixed Doubles event on several occasions. With his departure the Singles Tennis Championship this season will be an open affair. Several Japanese players will be in the tournament as well as old reliables such as Squires, Collico, Stokes, H. K. F. Li and Benavitch.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's starting times for Fanning on Sunday are as follows:

	OLD COURSE
9.16 a.m.	S. L. Lloyd, T. Megarry
9.20	R. N. Griffiths, J. R. Collis
9.24	J. A. Parrish, I. H. Geare
9.28	A. E. Lissaman, R. Forrest
9.32	J. Lander, M. A. Annett
9.36	A. C. I. Bowker, A. H. Penn
9.40	J. A. H. Morrison, K. S. Morrison
9.44	H. M. Rowland, G. G. Altkendhead
9.48	B. O. Baldwin, M. D. Cooper
9.52	P. M. Cotton, P. V. McLane
10.00	A. B. Purves, A. D. Humphreys
10.04	L. A. R. Duncan, J. B. Harrison
10.08	Pay. Cdr. Burton, F. A. Redmond
10.32	N. D. Lloyd, D. I. Bosanquet
10.36	H. Overly, W. J. E. MacKenzie
	NEW COURSE
10.16 a.m.	Col. Shackleton, Capt. Barclay

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"I congratulate you warmly, Mr. Gerald. Doubtless you purpose to celebrate the occasion in the appropriate manner."

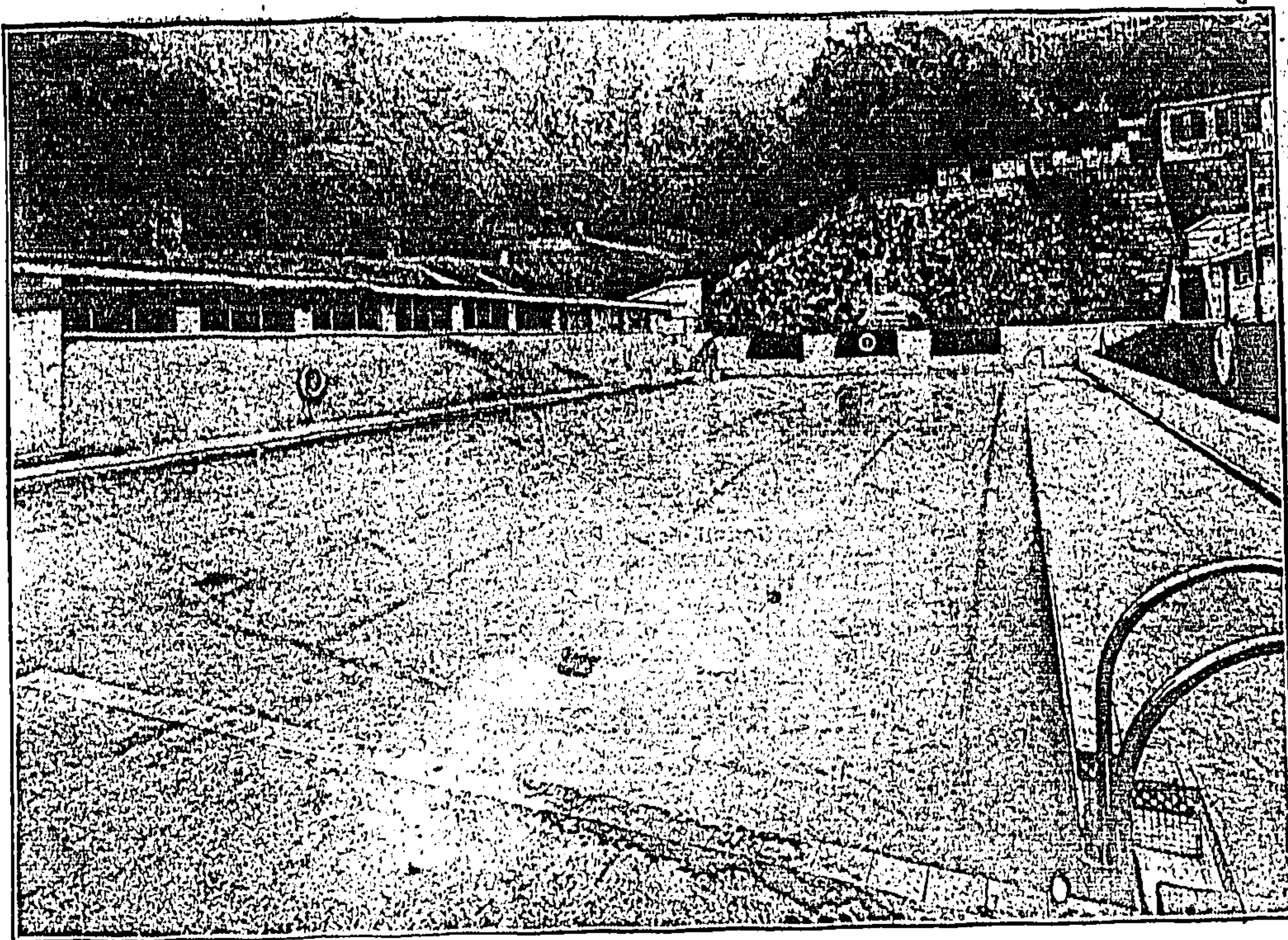
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"I do, Hawkins, and in a big way. Turn out the cellar while I go to the phone and beat up a few of the lads. Let there be enough festivity to float a battleship."

"Very good, Mr. Gerald."

"And Hawkins, see that there's plenty of Rose's Lime Juice. Can't risk hangovers in wartime, you know. Rose's for Gimlets, and to wind up the evening. Attention to detail, Hawkins—that's what makes the good soldier."

"So I discovered, Mr. Gerald, when they made me Quartermaster-Sergeant in the latter half of 1917."



The Army Swimming Pool in the grounds of Victoria Barracks, scene of to-morrow's gala between Auxiliary Nursing Service and Nursing Section, H.K.V.D.C. in aid of the Bomber Fund. During the attractive programme, which opens at 9 p.m., the band of the Royal Scots, by kind permission, will play selections.

BRENTFORD CAPTAIN SEVERELY CENSURED

AT A FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION EMERGENCY MEETING RECENTLY, J. JAMES, CAPTAIN OF BRENTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB, WAS SEVERELY CENSURED FOR LACK OF DUTY IN NOT INSISTING UPON HIS PLAYERS ACCEPTING THE DECISION OF THE REFEREE TO CONTINUE PLAY.

POOR SUPPORT FROM SCHOOLS TO V.R.C. PLAN

The meeting called by Victoria Recreation Club for representatives of the different schools intending to participate in the forthcoming swimming gala open to boys and girls of the Colony's schools, held at the Clubhouse last evening, did not receive a very encouraging response, the only representatives attending being those from Diocesan Boys' School and St. Joseph's College.

In spite of this, however, details for the meeting were discussed, Mr. Lionel Roza-Pereira, Hon. Secretary of the Club, presiding.

It was decided that the date for the gala be August 23, with the first event on the programme timed to start at 7 p.m. Heats will be held on August 18 and 19, but the Committee has reserved the right to cancel any event for which insufficient entries have been received. Entries close on July 31, and these should be forwarded to V.R.C. Pennants, presented by the club, will be awarded to the winners of the different events and no individual competitor will be allowed to take part in more than two events on the programme excluding the diving and relay races.

Competitors entering for the Junior events will have to be under 15 years of age and must not be taller than 5 ft. 1 in. They will be officially measured at the club prior to the heats. An entrance fee of 30 cents will be charged on the day of the finals and it was decided to hold a further meeting on August 5 in order to discuss any matter that may crop up between now and that date.

TO-NIGHT'S GALA

The Government Inter-Departmental swimming gala, will be held at European "Y" this evening commencing at 9 p.m. when a very interesting programme will be carried out, including a water-polo match between the "Y" and Government, and a 25 Yards Night Shirt and Candle Race for Taipans. Following the swimming a dance will be held in the West Lounge, when music will be provided by the Hong Kong Hotel orchestra. Admission is by ticket, at \$1.50 each, proceeds being in aid of the Bomber Fund.

Eddie Marques, former Colony breast-stroke swimming champion, has quite a few pupils under his wing at Victoria Recreation Club, including a number of the club's lady novices. He is putting them through their paces by teaching them the correct method of kicking, and for this purpose makes them "paddle" up and down the bath with boards specially made for "kicking lessons."

SHANGHAI SWIMMING LOSS

Shanghai's "Three Musketeers" will not be swimming this year as Toby Gavriloff is now in Australia, while Archie Logan and Lou Oliveira have decided to retire.

OFFICERS WIN OVER OTHER RANKS

The very keen friendly rivalry that was so evident at the Royal Scots "Inter-Mess" swimming gala at the Army pool last evening made the event an exceedingly enjoyable affair when Officers, thanks mainly to Capt. Dunlop and Lieut. Millar and Hunter, finished well ahead of the other ranks.

Members of Victoria Recreation Club added to the evening's enjoyment when some of their leading swimmers gave an exhibition in a medley race. Results were as follows:

Eight Lengths Relay:—1. Officers: 2. Privates: 3. Corporals: 4. Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Time: 3 0/25.

Novelty Race:—1. Privates: 2. Warrant Officers and Sergeants: 3. Corporals: 4. Officers. Time: 2, 41.

Six Lengths Medley Relay:—1. Privates: 2. Officers: 3. Warrant Officers and Sergeants: 4. Corporals. Time: 2, 43-4/5.

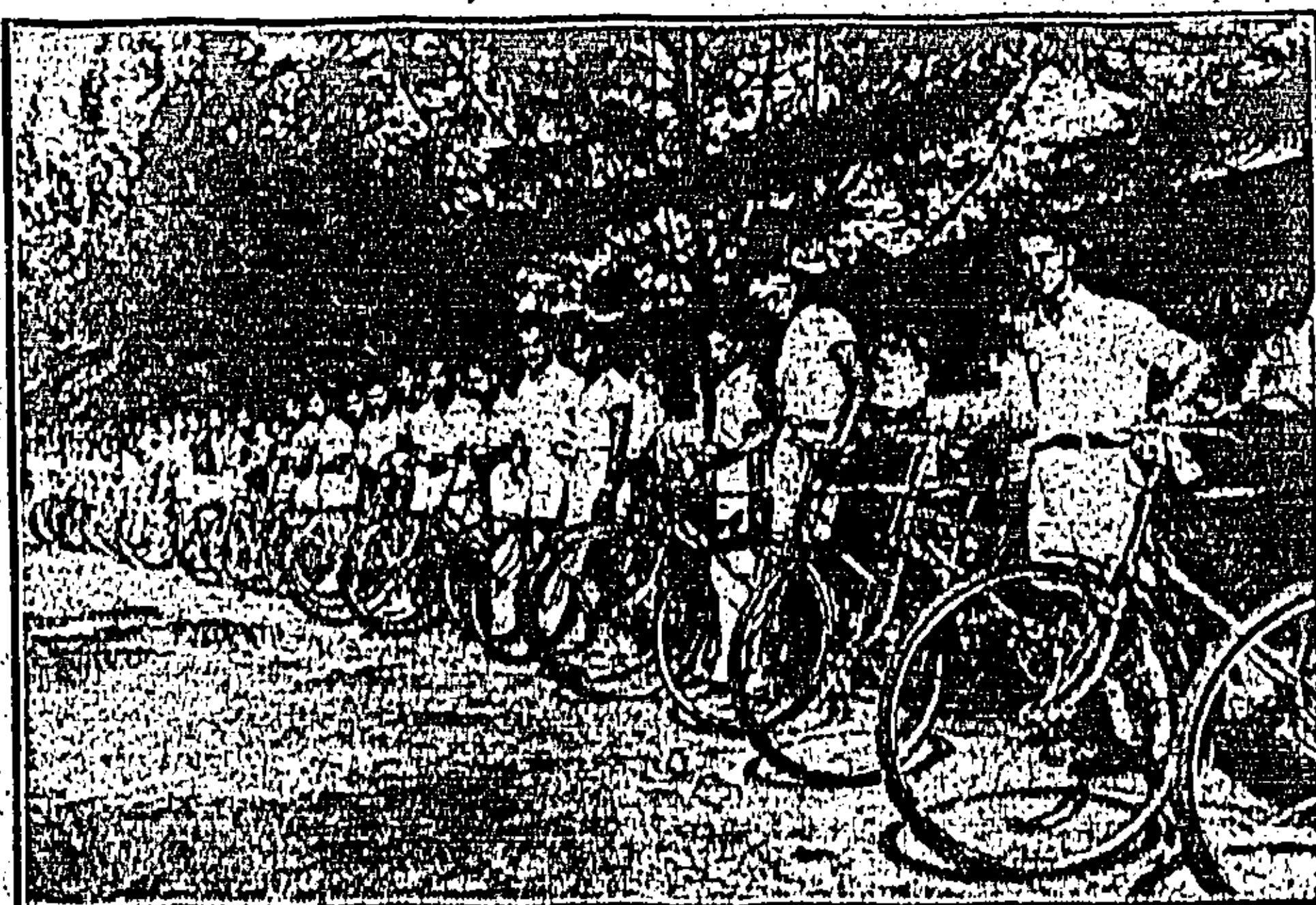
100 Yards:—1. Corporals: 2. Officers: 3. Privates: 4. Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Time: 1, 15 2/5.

Novelty Race:—1. Warrant Officers and Sergeants: 2. Officers: 3. Corporals: 4. Privates. Time: 23-4/5.

Medley Relay:—1. Corporals: 2. Officers: 3. Privates: 4. Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Time: 3 mins. 11-4/5 secs.

Water-Polo:—Officers 1 (Hunter) v. Corporals 1 (Morrison). Officers: Major S. White; Lieut. Hunter, Capt. Bennett; Lieut. Millar, Lieut. Pinkerton, Capt. Dunlop, Capt. Glasgow.

Corporals: L/Cpl. Bankier; L/Cpl. Brown, L/Cpl. Morris; L/Cpl. Hunter, Cpl. Sutherland, L/Cpl. Emmerson, L/Cpl. Edge.



Just before the start of the 25-mile bicycle time-trial race, at Teun Wan last Wednesday, A. Sandberg, of La Salle College, who won in 1 hr. 39 mins. 21 secs., is seen second from the right, with a band round his forehead. There were 39 starters, all of whom completed the course. (Mayfair Studio).

PONSFORD'S TRAGIC MISS IN TEST AT MELBOURNE: TRAP FAILS

H. L. "HORSESHOE" COLLINS, FORMER AUSTRALIAN TEST CAPTAIN, IS NOW WRITING HIS REMINISCENCES FOR THE "SYDNEY SUN," AND IN THE FIRST CHAPTER IS A REAL GEM OF A STORY:

On a sweltering day in January, 1924, the Australian Test team, of which I was captain, sat in our dressing-room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Australian cricket was maintaining its post-war peak at that time.

We, however, still had one great problem—to break up England's opening partnership, Hobbs and Sutcliffe—and early.

Sutcliffe, from a ball on his body, had a beautiful swinging shot to the legside.

Trap Suggested

"What about it, Jack," I said to Jack Gregory. "If we try to trap him?"

Jack Gregory was to be opening bowler. He picked up his ears at any scheme which would save him perhaps hours of hard labour sending them down at the sickening brickwall-bats of Hobbs and Sutcliffe.

So the team worked out a trap. It was this: Sutcliffe's shot used to send a lofted ball just behind the square-leg umpire. Gregory was to pitch the fourth ball of his first over on the short side. This would tempt Sutcliffe.

Ponsford's Part

Unseen by the batsman, Ponsford was to move from his usual place at the leg to well out behind the square-leg umpire. To do this, he had to move about 50 yards.

And so we went out to field. The 50,000 or so people on the ground that day didn't suspect the thrill they were shortly to get.

Neither did we!

All To Plan - - -!

Gregory sent down the first three balls uneventful. As he walked back to bowl that vital fourth, he took a quick look around.

Ponsford had quietly moved into position.

According to our plan, Gregory bowled the perfect ball. It was short, made-to-order for Sutcliffe. The batsman played the shot we expected.

The ball went soaring out to Ponsford, who didn't have to move a yard to make the catch.

I remember saying to myself, "Isn't this beautiful?"

PONSFORD GOT HIS HANDS TO THE BALL — AND DROPPED IT!

As Sutcliffe trotted up the pitch for the run, he said to me, "You won't catch me again that way, Bert."

After that let-off, Sutcliffe went on to bat for two days. I think he scored around 170.

Ponsford spent the same two days, apologising to Gregory and myself. All Gregory said was, "That's stuff luck."

Ponsford later told us that as the ball was coming at him, he remembered muttering to himself, "After all this planning, I mustn't miss this."

I have often thought since that if would have been better had Ponsford had to run to make that catch. He wouldn't have then had time to think.

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JENNINGS IN THE LIMELIGHT

Securing a lead of almost two clear lengths in the 800 Yards Relay, Pte. Jennings stole the limelight in the Middlesex "A" Company swimming gala in the "Y" pool yesterday afternoon.

5th Platoon secured team honours with 16 points, followed by 6th Platoon with 12 and 4th Platoon with 8 points.

L/Cpl. Quickendon, Army champion, gave a polished exhibition of diving during the programme of eight events.

Following were the results:

200 Yards free-style Relay:—1. 5th Platoon, 2. 6th Platoon, 3. 4th Platoon. Time: 2 min. 7 secs.

800 Yards Relay:—1. 5th Platoon (Burdge, Jennings, Ure, Waller), 2. 4th Platoon, 3. 6th Platoon. Time: 14 min. 15 secs.

Novelty Race:—1. Quickendon (6th Platoon) 2. O'Donnell (5th Platoon).

Plunging:—1. Willoughby (5th Platoon), 2. Newton (6th Platoon), 3. Fortescue (4th Platoon). Distance, 5 ft. 4 inches.

350 Yards Medley Relay:—1. 6th Platoon (Brown, Quickendon, Cohen, Goodair), 2. 5th Platoon, 3. 4th Platoon. No time taken.

150 Yards Medley Relay:—1. 5th Platoon, Ure (back), Jennings (breast), Fox (free), 2. 6th Platoon, 3. 4th Platoon. No time taken.

Draft Race (For new arrivals from England):—1. Barret, 2. Backhurst, 3. Waller. (No points counted for this event).

Inter-Mess Relay:—1. Privates, 2. Sergeants, 3. Corporals.

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ARMISTICE MIX-UP

Italians Announce Acceptance By Vichy

Dentz Ignores Beirut Hint: Battle Goes On

THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTED FROM VICHY LAST NIGHT THAT THE VICHY GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO RESPECT THE BRITISH TERMS FOR AN ARMISTICE IN SYRIA.

CHIEF OF SIEMENS PASSES

The death of Carl Friedrich von Siemens, chief of the Siemens Works, at the age of 68, was announced by the official German news agency yesterday. He was the youngest son of the founder of the firm, Werner von Siemens. —Reuter.

DE GAULLE NOW IN BRAZZAVILLE

General de Gaulle has arrived at Brazzaville, French Congo, according to Brazzaville radio. The General is broadcasting to France to-day at 8 p.m. (G.M.T.). —Reuter.

No confirmation is so far available from any other source but the German-controlled Paris radio, after giving a list of the alleged terms, added: "We do not yet know what decision the Government has made but everything leads us to believe that such dictation cannot be accepted."

In Jerusalem last evening it was stated there was still no reply from General Dentz to General Wilson's broadcast urging him to evacuate Beirut.

The Imperial troops which are now pressing forward after their victory at Damour are meeting with a fair amount of opposition in front of Beirut, and the Vichy air force is bombing the positions taken at Damour.

EVIDENTLY GENERAL DENTZ INTENDS TO IGNORE GENERAL WILSON'S APPEAL, AS HE DID AT DAMASCUS.

Beirut is now covered with a thick pall of black smoke from a ship hit in the harbour by the R.A.F.

The military spokesman at General Wilson's headquarters in Jerusalem disclosed yesterday that as far as is known at present about 700 prisoners were captured at Damour.

Damascus Road

Meanwhile there is a determined effort to end the stalemate on the Damascus-Beirut road, where Vichy artillery is based on the commanding Jebel Mazar Ridge

and the main road.

It is stated in Jerusalem that by noon yesterday all objectives had been gained except on the extreme right flank.

With the prospect of the early elimination of the Vichy artillery positions on the Mazar Ridge, the threat to Beirut from the east is intensified.

While the Allies are closing in on Beirut, progress is also being made in the far north-east of Syria.

Indian troops which entered the country from Iraq have now reached Kamechli, adjoining the Istanbul-Baghdad railway, having captured Demir Kapou on the way.

It is stated that hitherto they have found the whole railway open and in good condition.

Pressure Maintained

At the extreme south end of Syria, in the Jezzine sector, steady pressure on the Vichy troops has been maintained and the Allies have reached Beikoum (five miles north of Jezzine) and Mazratt ez Chouf.

The Allies are shelling Vichy troops at Daadrane, 2-1/2 miles north-east of Beikoum, where the Vichy forces are reported to be in some strength.

Pressure is also being maintained in the Merj Ayoum sector in the direction of Hasbaya, where the Allies have captured the village of Kafr Chebar.

Vichy Statement

No reply to General Dentz's requests for the suspension of hostilities has yet reached Beirut, a Vichy communique stated last night, and fighting in Syria therefore continues. —Reuter.

Lyons Reports

With reference to a statement put out by Lyons radio at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, to the effect that no reply had yet been received to General Dentz's request for an armistice, it is pointed out in London that an immediate reply was given stating our terms. Until such time as General Dentz accepts these terms our forces would naturally continue the fight.

Cairo Communique

A Cairo communique states: "Vichy troops holding outlying areas covering Aleppo and Homs are continuing their withdrawal in the face of our pressure."

In the central sector local advances again have been made. On the coastal sector, the advance of Australian troops towards Beirut is progressing.

With the capture of the town of Damour many hundreds of Vichy troops were taken together with 17 guns, three tanks and five armoured cars.

Raqqa Captured

A competent military authority in London stated yesterday the Allied troops in Syria had reached Raqqa.

The forces which captured Palmyra have now established contact with those forces which have reached Es Sukhne and Deir ez Zor coming from Iraq, so that the whole of Syria east of these towns is controlled by the Allied forces.

On the coastal road our troops have advanced into the outskirts of Beirut. —British Wireless.

MOSCOW REMAINS BUOYANT

(Continued from Page 1)
truction of Ploesti and other major oil centres as well as Constanza and Tulcea, on the Danube Delta, and Sulina, north of Constanza, on the Black Sea. —International News Service.

Nazi Bialystok Claims

"With the conclusion of the double battle of Bialystok and Minsk the greatest amount of war material in world history has been captured," according to a special German High Command communique issued last night.

"A total of 323,818 prisoners, including several generals and divisional commanders, fell into our hands, and 3,332 tanks and 1,809 guns, as well as an innumerable quantity of other war material, were captured."

"Thus the total number of prisoners has been increased to over 400,000."

"Material captured or destroyed includes 7,615 tanks and 4,432 guns."

"The Soviet Air Force has up to now lost 6,233 planes." —Reuter.

Nazis Frustrated

While the latest German communique gives no details of recent fighting on the Russian front, a Soviet communique broadcast at midday yesterday gives a full account of the position on each of the various fronts.

The communique shows that all German attempts to break through to Leningrad, Moscow or Kiev are still being frustrated.

Text of the Russian communique is as follows:—

"During the day of the 9th and a night between the 9th/10th large scale fighting continued in the directions of Polotsk and Novograd-Volynsk."

"In the Ostrov direction our troops repelled all attacks by the enemy with great losses to him."

"In the Polotsk direction stubborn fighting continued, our troops carrying out resolute counter-attacks."

"In fighting in the Lepel direction our troops destroyed a motorised division of German troops, up to 40 guns and a great quantity of transport and special vehicles."

"In the direction of Borisov our units inflicted a serious defeat on one of the enemy divisions."

"In the direction of Bobruisk our troops are firmly holding occupied positions."

"In the direction of Novograd-Volynsk our troops are checking the advance of large enemy forces."

Checking Advance

"In the Bessarabian sector of the front the offensive of the enemy is meeting with strong resistance on the part of our troops."

"In other sectors of the front there were no large scale fighting operations."

"Our air force destroyed up to 100 enemy tanks during the second half of the day of the 9th and continued fighting operations against enemy troops in the direction of Ostrov and Novograd-Volynsk during the night between the 9th/10th." —British Wireless.

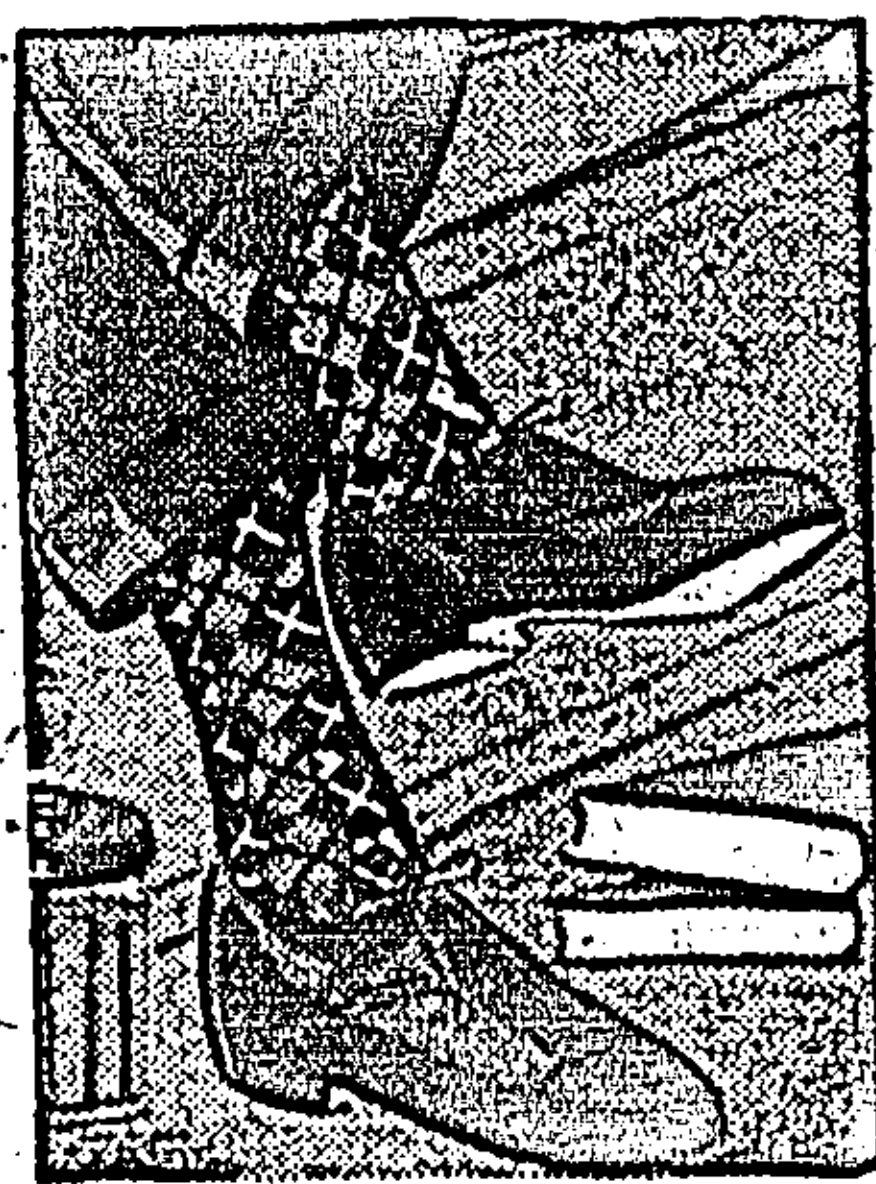
STOP PRESS

The German and Italian Embassy staffs will leave Chungking on July 25 and 15 respectively following China's severance of diplomatic relations with Germany and Italy.

They will be escorted by the Chinese Government as far as the border.

It is learned that German and Italian residents are also preparing to leave but no definite date has been fixed for their departure. —Central News.

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U.S. MUST GO IN

Says N.Y. Post

A "New York Post" editorial yesterday called on the United States to declare war immediately against Germany.

"The United States in fact is already in the war... we are in the war because we stand fatefully in the path of a war-maker bent on world conquest to whom our very existence in freedom is a 'junt'."

"OUR FORTUNE AS A NATION DEPENDS, AND WE SEE NOW THAT IT DEPENDS FROM THE START, ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS WAR."

"We have no choice to-day between war and peace. We cannot choose immunity for ourselves from the common destruction."

"Our alternative is delaying; nothing more."

We Must Fight

"This war is our war, the Nazi regime is our enemy. Since this is our war we must fight."

"There is no honesty in asking the British to give their lives while we only supply the tools."

"America's entry into the war would 'circle out' as a tidal wave to the ends of the earth," said the newspaper.—Reuter.

10,000 TANKS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

MR. STEPHEN EARLY, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SECRETARY, SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE NEW ARMY APPROPRIATION OF \$4,700,000,000 INCLUDES FUNDS FOR 25 ARMoured DIVISIONS AND AN INCREASE OF THE MILITARY PLANE PROGRAMME TO 70,000.

Earlier reports hinted the U.S. is to build 10,000 tanks to give the armoured divisions equal strength to the Nazi panzers.

The President is to ask for more appropriations later for the British air programme.—International News Service.

RAIDS ON ITALY

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Announcing British raids on Syracuse, Sicily and Naples, the Italian High Command yesterday claimed 14 were killed and over 40 injured.—International News Service.

Flamboyant Berlin Claims

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE RUSSIAN ARMIES CONTINUE TO CHECK GERMAN ADVANCES ON THREE MAJOR FRONTS WITH HEAVY LOSSES TO THE NAZIS, WHILE FIGHTING IS STILL RAGING AGAINST TANK AND MECHANISED FORMATIONS ATTEMPTING TO BREAK THROUGH THE DEFENCES AROUND OSTROV, POLODSK AND

NOVOGRAD-VOLINSK.

PARIS SAYS AUSSIES HAVE TAKEN BEIRUT

According to the Paris radio, Australian forces have occupied Beirut. They had penetrated the suburbs early yesterday.—Reuter.

Gendarmes "Clean Up"

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

An employee of one of Shanghai's "badlands" gambling dens was wounded and all the gamblers and operators relieved of their money and valuables when the establishment was visited by Japanese gendarmes last night. The employee was shot in the leg when he refused to hand over his money.—International News Service.

A German motorised division has been annihilated, including 40 guns and a large quantity of transport equipment and specialised machines.

An entire German division was routed in the direction of Borisov, 60 miles south of Lepel, where panzer units met their doom.

All German attacks were repulsed on the Estonian front with heavy losses, and the Russians admit the loss of only one Red Air Force plane in 24 hours.

Vast new battles are developing along the Stalin Line as the Nazis are redoubling their drive, the Berlin spokesman claimed, alleging that 110 more Russian planes were shot down in 24 hours.

The Nazi High Command announces one of the largest battles is raging directly west of Moscow, where the Russians have massed crack troops "in a desperate gamble to retain a foothold in west Russia."

"Trap"

German military reports claim the Russians "have fallen into a trap" and are being "pounded to pieces."

At all other points, the Germans claim, "huge pincers are being drawn around the Russian forces."

The German aim—according to Berlin—is to "annihilate the foe within convenient communication distance rather than conquer vast territory in a hurry."

The Nazis are predicting the fall of Russia once the Red armies are driven to the Urals!

Official reason for the German silence on the actual operations is the "vastness of the operations."—International News Service.

CHINA RECALLS MINISTER

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A Chinese Foreign Office spokesman in Shanghai to-day announced that Sino-Rumanian relations have been broken off, and that the Chinese Minister at Bucharest, Mr. Liang, has been recalled.

The spokesman added that Sino-French relations are unchanged, and that the Ambassador-designate, Dr. Wei Tao-ming, will be leaving for Vichy via the United States as soon as possible.

He warned the democracies to take immediate action against the weakest link in the Axis line-up, namely Japan, otherwise, he said, Japan will first

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Three-Night Black-out

Official approval of the proposed three-night black-out exercise, has been obtained, the "China Mail" learned from an authentic source to-day.

The exercise will commence on July 21 and may be extended to the maximum of seven days in the event of the results not being satisfactory.

NEW PROPOSALS BY U.S. "FIGHT NOW" ADVISERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is reported in Washington that the President's intimate circle of "fight now" advisers, including Col. Knox, Mr. Henry Stimson and Mr. Sumner Welles, are urging that the U.S. Navy immediately seize the Cape Verde Islands and the Azores to erect new barriers against a Hitler invasion of the Americas.

The Navy is cloaking its plans in secrecy. Secretary Knox declining to state specifically that the Navy would fire on German "planes" or submarines in Icelandic waters.

Col. Knox's statement that "all necessary steps" would be taken leaves no room for doubt what it embraces, however.

Senator Burton K. Wheeler, the isolationist, declared yesterday:

"We are now operating on the same basis as Hitler."

MEANWHILE THE SENATE NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HAS REJECTED MR. CHURCHILL'S PROPOSAL THAT THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN POOL THEIR NAVIES POINTING OUT THAT THIS WOULD PUT THE U.S. INTO ACTIVE WAR IMMEDIATELY.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

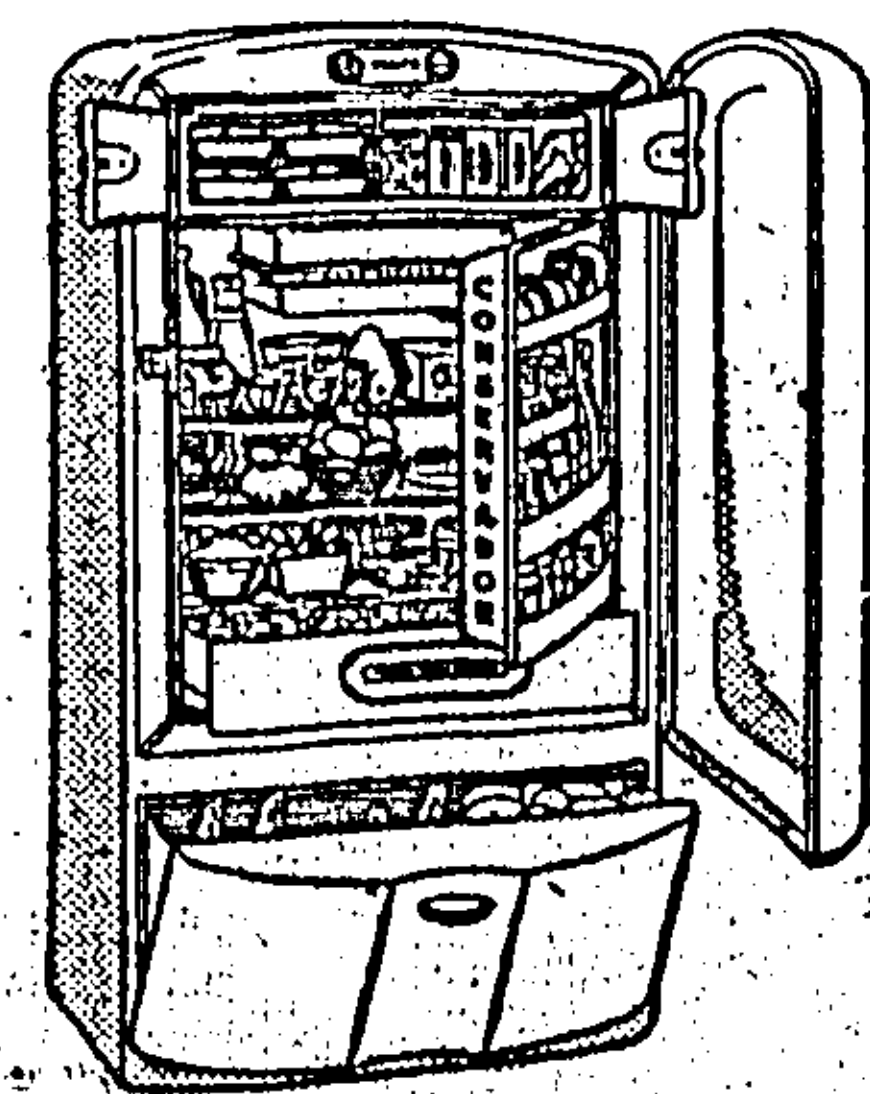
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Senator Taft Discovers "Deep Dark Plot" Talk Of Naval Air Base In Ulster

"I HEARD WEEKS AGO ON RELIABLE AUTHORITY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS CONSTRUCTING A NAVAL AIR BASE FOR BRITAIN IN NORTHERN IRELAND," SENATOR TAFT TOLD THE U.S. SENATE YESTERDAY.

He added that since he made the first draft of his speech to the Senate yesterday Mr. Wendell Willkie had, "after calling upon the President, announced his opinion that the United States should establish military bases in Northern Ireland and Scotland."

Senator Taft added: "The occupation of Ireland would relieve perhaps half a million British troops for service elsewhere and would put half a million American boys into the British Isles. "A base in Ireland would be much more effective to protect shipping than a base in Iceland. "Every argument that has been used for the occupation of Iceland applies to Ireland, England and Portugal."

SENATOR TAFT CONTENDED THAT THE LANDING OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN ICELAND WAS AN ACT "EXACTLY EQUIVALENT TO AGGRESSIVE WAR" AND ONE WHICH THE PRESIDENT HAD NO RIGHT TO TAKE WITHOUT THE AUTHORITY OF CONGRESS.

"If the President can send troops to Iceland on this ground he can send them to Scotland or England; he can send them to Portugal."

"These countries are not farther away than Iceland."

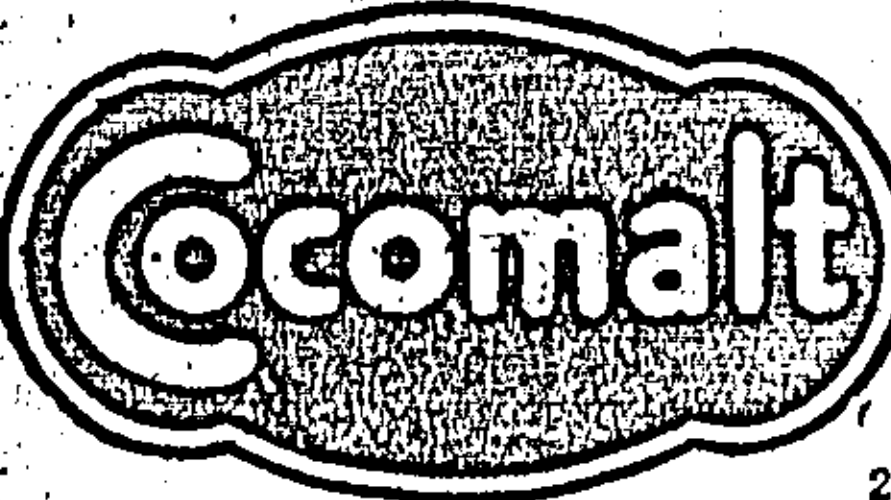
Combat Rumours

Meanwhile the Senate Naval Affairs Committee voted to summon Col. Frank Knox, Navy Secretary, and Admiral Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, to testify today on reports that the United States Navy has engaged in actual combat with German vessels. Reuter.



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"The Luftwaffe is as good as beaten," the prominent aviation journal "The Aeroplane" declared in London yesterday.

The publication said that evidence of the unwillingness of German airmen to engage the British when finding themselves outnumbered had been given by a wing commander following a German claim that on a recent daylight raid 25 British bombers were escorted by 200 fighters.

Commenting on these raids "The Aeroplane" says they are already a matter of deep anxiety to Germany and are rapidly assuming the quality of a menace.

THEY AIM AT THE CREATION OF A TECHNIQUE OF ENSURING TO THE R.A.F. LOCAL AIR SUPREMACY ON ANY SPECIAL OCCASION.

"If by this method bombers can be protected while carrying out their attack, similar immunity might be secured for other forms of destructive military undertakings."

"Some military and naval objectives are harder to destroy by bombs than shells, torpedoes or a well-placed explosive charge."

"The R.A.F. seems to be laying a set of excellent foundations."—Reuter.

TEN NURSES SAVED

Ten American Red Cross nurses have been saved from two torpedoed ships, the American Red Cross announced in Washington yesterday.

This includes four nurses rescued from a British ship who are safe in Iceland.

Seven other nurses and a Red Cross hospital "house mother" are still missing.—Reuter.

CONGRESS REJECTS CURB ON EMPLOYERS

By 170 votes to 91, the House of Representatives yesterday turned down a proposal that President Roosevelt be empowered to take over defence factories where the managements have refused to use federal conciliation and mediation services to settle labour disputes.—Reuter.

RUMOUR EXCITES JAPAN

REPLYING TO QUESTIONS BASED UPON A BROADCAST FROM TOKYO, MR. SUMNER WELLES, UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, TOLD THE PRESS YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN MILITARY OR NAVAL BASES IN PORTUGAL OR ITS POSSESSIONS OR IN SIBERIA.

Such suggestions, he said, were obviously German propaganda designed to make trouble between the United States and Japan.

The radio announcement said that reports had appeared in Tokyo papers alleging an impending alliance between the United States, Britain, China and the Soviet Union, under which United States military bases would be established in the Kamchatka Peninsula.—Reuter.

Soviet Statement

The Russian military spokesman, M. Lozovsky, told the press yesterday: "We are only at the beginning of this war with Germany."

He charged Nazi propaganda agencies with circulating a report that Russia had offered to sell Kamchatka to America.

This report, he added, had been widely circulated in Japan where it had caused worry.

"But the Japanese will not be taken in with such false reports," he asserted.—International News Service.

CANNOT HAVE IT BOTH WAYS

Judgment for Tong Cheung, of No. 1, Rutland Quadrant, plaintiff in a case in which he claimed possession of No. 312, Hennessy Road, first floor, was given by the Puisne Judge, Mr. P. E. F. Cressall, this morning.

Mr. F. I. Zimmern was for Plaintiff, and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon for Defendant.

In his judgment, Mr. Justice Cressall said:

The only question for decision here is whether the defendant was in default in payment of rent after demand had been made. If he was, then the court is precluded from exercising the powers given to it by section 3 (2) and (3) of the Ordinance.

Having heard the evidence, I am satisfied that the defendant was frequently in arrears with his rent and that he failed to pay the same within a fortnight after it had been demanded by the landlord.

Tenants must realise that if they wish to take advantage of the protection afforded them by the Ordinance they must carry out their contractual obligations to their landlords.

There will, therefore, be judgment for the plaintiff for possession of the premises within six weeks from date; mesne profits at \$40.00 per month from April 20, until delivery of possession, with costs.

GERMAN AIR "ACE" GOES TO HIS DEATH

The loss in action over the Channel of the German air ace, Captain Balphasar, of the Richtofen squadron, was announced in a German communique yesterday.

It said that Balphasar, who had been repeatedly decorated and had won 40 victories in air battles, was killed in battle with British airmen over the Channel.—Reuter.

CHINESE SHOT DEAD IN SHANGHAI

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Terrorism claimed its customary daily victim in Shanghai when an unidentified Chinese was killed by two gunmen.

The assassins fired a fusillade of 12 shots, one striking the victim's head causing instant death.—International News Service.

ITALIAN AIR BASE AT SYRACUSE ATTACKED

R.A.F. AIRCRAFT attacked Italian float 'planes, probably Cant Z 506 craft, on the water at Syracuse on Wednesday, according to yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Three float 'planes were burnt out and several others badly damaged, numerous casualties being caused among the crews. The communique makes no mention of any attack on Naples, referred to in yesterday's Italian communique.

In Syria, R.A.F. aircraft attacked Vichy aircraft on the ground at Aleppo, destroying two and damaging about 10 others.

Australian aircraft attacked and damaged armoured cars near Beirut and in the Damour area.

R.A.F. bombers blew up ammunition stocks at Beirut and bombed the railway station at Rayak.

In Cyrenaica R.A.F. bombers attacked enemy aerodromes at Martuba and Gazala, starting fires at both places.

During the night of July 8/9 heavy bombers carried out further attacks on Benghazi, causing large fires on the quays near the Cathedral Mole.

Attacks were also made on landing grounds at Derna, Martuba and Gazala.

Malta Raid

Unidentified enemy aircraft which raided Malta during the night of July 8/9 were intercepted by British fighters and one raider shot down into the sea.

One British aircraft is missing as a result of the foregoing operations.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S BID FOR AIR SUPREMACY

The British Commonwealth air training plan, which is six months ahead of schedule with 85 per cent. of its units going full blast, has uncorked the bottle in the struggle for air supremacy by supplying an ever-increasing flow of intrepid young air crews.

So declared Mr. Power, Canadian Minister for National Defence and Air, in a war commentary broadcast from London last night.

"In May last year we started with 168 pupils," said Mr. Power. "To-day, in pupils and graduates, we have one hundred fold that number and many more: more in numbers than a division of infantry."

"A division such as has never been known before, young men coming from the United Kingdom, Newfoundland, the Straits Settlements, British residents of South America, Australia, New Zealand and many hundreds speaking with the accents of California, Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York."

"And no ordinary young men, either, but the cream of the youth of the liberty-loving countries of the world."—Reuter.

Naples Raid

Yesterday's Italian communique stated that the R.A.F. heavily bombed Naples during Wednesday night.

Although no claim has yet officially been made by the British Air Ministry, it is authoritatively stated that the R.A.F. did attack Naples during the night of July 8 to 10 but that details have not yet been fully received in London. It is presumed an announcement on the raid will be made soon from R.A.F. Headquarters in the Middle East in the normal way.—Reuter.

TURKEY ACCEPTS

The Turkish Government has agreed to represent the interests of the Vichy Government in Moscow, it was stated in Ankara yesterday, says Reuter.

THE TYPHOON

It was announced from Manila this morning that at 3 p.m. yesterday, the typhoon was east of South Luzon, moving WNW.

Aix-La-Chapelle Gets Its Baptism Of The Blitz Raid

SEVERE ONSLAUGHT BY R.A.F.

AIRCRAFT OF THE Bomber Command did great damage in Aachen on Wednesday night, states the Air Ministry news service.

This town on the frontier between Belgium and Germany, better known as Aix-la-Chapelle, was cleared for modern industry and development by a huge conflagration in 1855 which destroyed 90 per cent. of its buildings.

It lies in a district rich in mineral wealth, has many industries, and is an important railway town.

It had been attacked by the R.A.F. before but not very often and certainly never on such a scale as on Wednesday night.

As the attackers, undeterred by incessant A.A. fire or patrolling fighters, passed through the defences, the town was brightly lit first by the moon and then by drifting flares and last by great fires.

Over In An Hour

The attack was all over in about an hour, and by that time the railway junction had been hit and factories set alight.

There were parallel lines of fire across the town and towards the end it was often difficult, in the confusion of fire and smoke, to see how much damage each new bomb had done.

AFTER ONE AIRCRAFT HAD SHOWERED ITS INCENDIARIES ACROSS THE RAILWAY THERE WERE 12 VIOLENT EXPLOSIONS.—REUTER.

CHINA AND NEW ZEALAND

"Although the Chinese and New Zealanders are not engaged in the same theatre of war, I feel certain they are nearer to each other than ever before in thought, ideals and spirit."

This declaration was made yesterday by the Chinese consul-general, Mr. Wang Feng, at a gathering of Chinese citizens in Wellington.

"At the beginning of the fifth year of the Sino-Japanese war I express deep gratitude to New Zealand for the moral support given to China in the last four years."

Mr. Wang assured New Zealanders of his great sympathy in their struggle and said they must envisage the day when the British and Chinese would lead the way to world democracy and a new international order.—Reuter.

Shanghai Man Engaged

The engagement was announced in London yesterday of Albert William Burkill, O.B.E., of St. James' Court, and Mrs. Catherine Isabelle Skinner, of 1, Prince's Row, the widow of C. A. Skinner, of Dorchester.

Mr. Burkill is a member of the well-known Shanghai firm, A. W. Burkill and Sons, which has large interests in Malaya rubber estates.—Reuter.

CHINESE AMBASSADOR LEAVES REICH

The Chinese Ambassador to Germany, General Chen Chien, left the Nazi capital last evening with his staff, states the official German news agency.

He will go to Switzerland where he will await an opportunity of returning to Chungking via America.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT TRIBUTE TO POLES

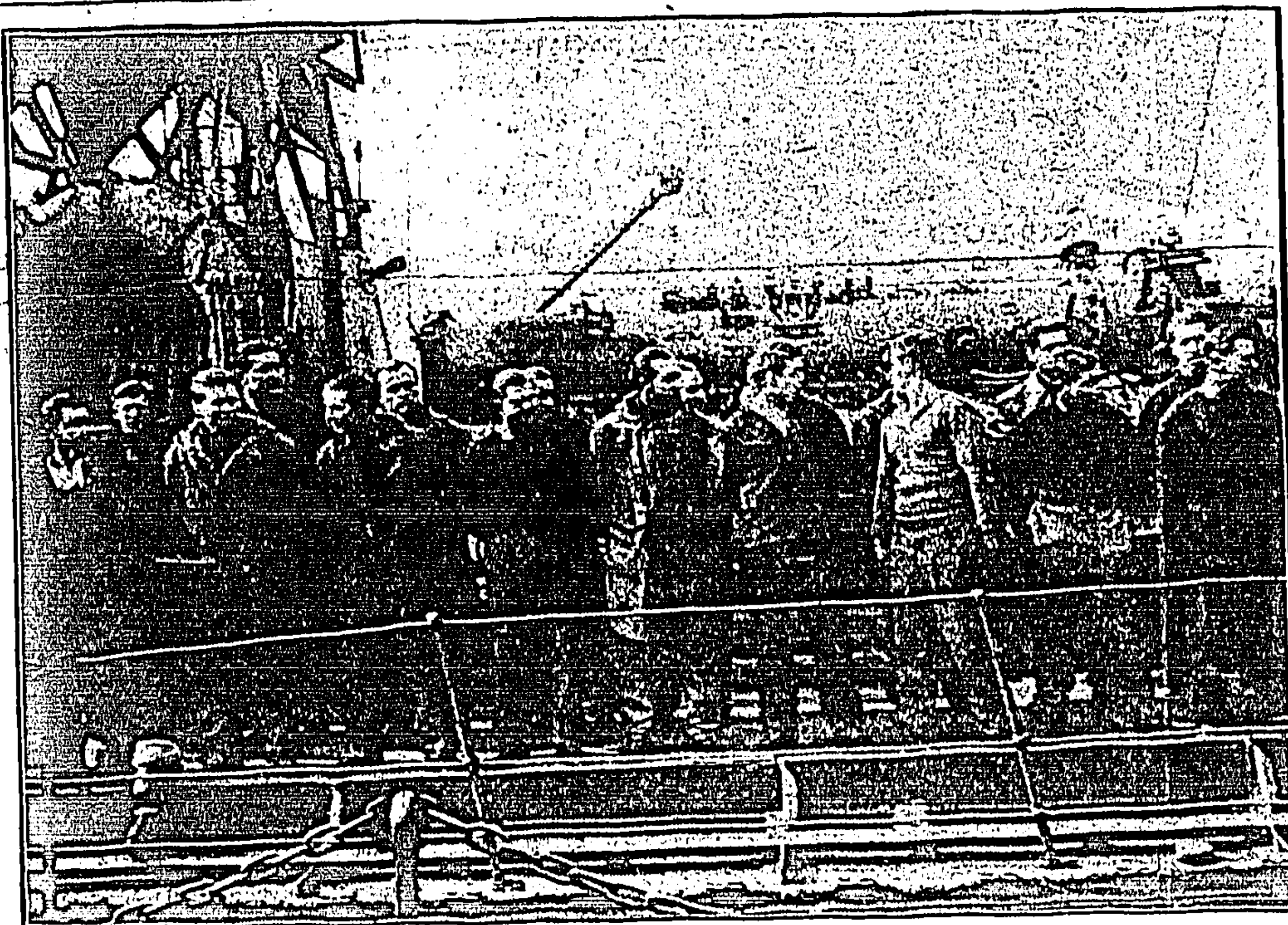
That the sacrifices of Poland and other countries will eventually result in a world free from unprovoked attack is expressed in a message from President Roosevelt to M. Raczewicz, President of Poland.

The message was in reply to a telegram on July 4 expressing Poland's cordial wishes.

President Roosevelt said: "Your assurance of the unfailing friendship of the Polish nation for the United States is deeply appreciated. The American people are proud to have the friendship of the people of Poland."

"During the last two years, the heroic and determined manner in which the Polish people have struggled and sacrificed in face of tremendous hardships and deprivations has been an inspiration not only to the people of the United States but to liberty-loving people everywhere."

"We are confident that the sacrifices which the Polish and other peoples opposing the forces of aggression are making, will eventually result in the restoration of a world in which it will be possible again for nations to carry on with each other normal and friendly intercourse without fear of sudden and unprovoked attack."—Reuter.



Mr. Churchill, in announcing the certain destruction of three U-boats in one day, recently said in the House of Commons: "Not since October 13th, 1939, have I been cheered by such delectable tidings of a triple event." This photo shows U-boat prisoners, lined up on the deck of the British destroyer which sank two of the U-boats referred to by Mr. Churchill, preparatory to being landed at a British port.

BIG OFFENSIVE SWEEP: FIERCE DOG-FIGHTS

AN AIR MINISTRY communique states that early yesterday afternoon formations of Blenheim aircraft of the Bomber Command, escorted by fighters, attacked enemy shipping in the ports of Cherbourg and Le Havre.

Six ships, totalling over 30,000 tons, were hit by bombs and it is considered that each of the vessels is a total loss.

Quays, dockside buildings and gun emplacements were also bombed.

Heavy bombers with a fighter escort attacked a chemical works and adjoining railway siding at Choques, near Bethune.

In the course of these operations escorting fighters had fierce engagements with enemy fighters which were unable to prevent the British bombers hitting their targets.

Sharp Losses

Twelve enemy fighters were destroyed in these combats, and 10 British fighters and two bombers are missing, it was reported at first.

A later announcement, however, established that 13 German fighters were destroyed and that one British fighter previously reported missing had returned and the pilot of another had been rescued.

British losses, therefore, were nine fighters, the pilot of one being safe.—Reuter.

DEATH OF DR. DAVID JOCHELMAN

Dr. David Jochelman, chairman and founder of the Federation of Jewish Relief Organisations of Great Britain and the Polish Jewish Refugee Fund, died in England on Wednesday aged 73.

A close associate of Israel Zangwill, he frequently visited England from Russia until he settled in England permanently in 1913.—Reuter.

U.S. ARMY'S BILL

"IN ORDER FURTHER TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL DEFENCE," PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ASKED CONGRESS FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF \$4,770,000,000 FOR THE UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT.

The request was made yesterday in a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the bill covered eleven individual items, the largest of which was \$3,486,000,000 for Army ordnance. President Roosevelt yesterday approved Budget estimates of \$4,700,000,000 in new money for the War Department.

This sum is part of the \$15,000,000,000 for national defence and for Lease and Lend purposes.—Reuter.

WEYGAND RETURNS TO PARIS

General Weygand arrived in Vichy yesterday from North Africa, says a Reuter despatch from London.

14 Shot Down

It is now known that 14 enemy aircraft were destroyed in the operations over Northern France in daylight yesterday.—Reuter.

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PRODUCTION DEBATE WINDS UP WITHOUT MOTION

IN THE CONTINUED debate on production in the House of Commons yesterday, Colonel J. C. Moore-Brabazon, Minister for Aircraft Production, refused to accept the allegation that there were not enough 'planes in the Middle East.

He painted a picture of Lord Beaverbrook's dynamic energy when accelerating 'plane production.

"I once went to interview him," said Col. Moore-Brabazon, "and found him interviewing four people at once and quite coherently.

"He had a telephone in one hand and was talking to America and at the same time was ordering his hairdresser to come round and cut his hair in his office."

Col. Moore-Brabazon hoped that ultimately every single machine from the United States would deliver itself by air.

He declared it was easy to raid London from France.

It was more difficult to raid Berlin from London but it would not be many months before raids like those on London would be child's play compared with the raids we would be able to make on Berlin.

The debate concluded without a division being challenged.

Trends Of Criticism

Mr. Churchill listened to parts of the debate, which combined many criticisms with unanimous expressions of belief that production would be fully organised.

Members assumed Mr. Churchill would note the chief trend of criticism and that further action will follow.

It was in that belief that the House was allowed to be adjourned without challenging the Estimates for which the debate had taken place.—Reuter.

The second day of the debate revealed further criticism of organisation both as regards manpower and output as well as allegations as to the quality of certain types of war material.

Most serious of these, which Lieut. Brabner spoke of on Wednesday, concerned allegations of inefficiency and insufficiency of tanks and guns in Greece and Crete. These allegations were referred to again yesterday.

Replying to the debate, the Minister for Aircraft Production said he did not accept the imputation to the lack of efficiency in tanks used in Crete and Greece, nor that there were not enough aeroplanes in the Middle East.

Regarding suggestions that there were many different types of aeroplanes of American manufacture in Britain, Col. Moore-Brabazon reminded the House that French orders had been taken over and a good deal of alterations had been done to make these machines suitable for the R.A.F. They were now, however, being sent to operational centres and were doing great work.

"I am not saying there are not too many types and I should like to see fewer types from the point of view of manufacturing."

Dive-Bombers

The Minister said his duty was to supply aeroplanes asked for by the Services and as regards criticisms relating to the supply of dive-bombers, he said the Army had not yet asked him for them.

They were not machines they wished to operate at the present time but on this matter opinions were fluid and it might be that they will be wanted.

Speaking of the big bomber, the Minister said this type was a new aeronautical conception altogether. A machine was wanted which would fly to Berlin and back and carry an enormous load of tons of bombs. The Americans thought they had the biggest machine in the world but were astonished when they came over and saw Britain had three models much bigger

than anything which had been produced in America.

These very big aeroplanes had given trouble which, considering their intricacies, was only to be expected. They were, however, now flying and getting better every day.

Premium Figure

On the general question of production of aircraft Colonel Moore-Brabazon said that when he was a private member at the outbreak of war, "I had in mind a sort of premium figure which I thought the British aircraft industry could reach. Never mind what that figure was — but we have very nearly got to it."

As regards aircraft supplies from the United States, the Minister said that Britain was not getting at present anything like the full number provided for in the programme. Material we were

SPAIN'S APOLOGY

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, stated in reply to a question in the Commons yesterday that the Spanish Government have apologised for the recent attack on the British Embassy in Madrid and the persons responsible have been appropriately punished.—Reuter.

getting at present was what was ordered practically at the beginning of the war.

The majority of aircraft from America were medium and heavy bombers.

On the technical side the closest collaboration existed between American and British technicians. We disclosed everything to the Americans and they disclosed everything to us.

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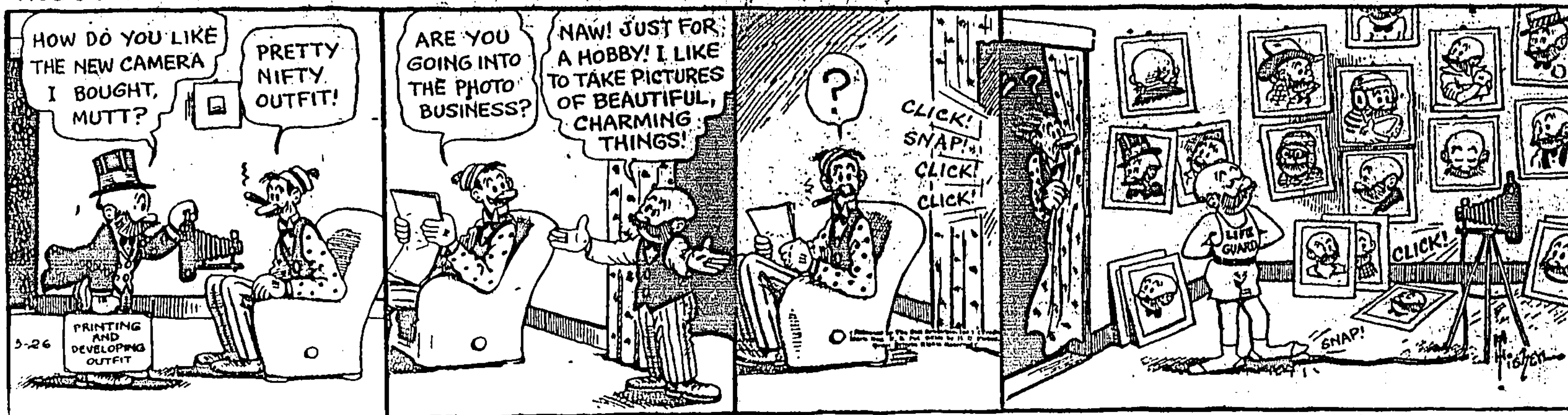
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UNEMPLOYMENT
FIGURES DOWN

A further drop of 67,000 is shown in unemployment returns issued yesterday.

Total unemployed on June 16 was 301,000 compared with 368,000 on May 12 and 766,000 on June 17 last year.—Reuter.

AXIS ENVOYS
LEAVING CHINA

The German and Italian Embassy staffs will leave Chungking on July 25 and 15 respectively following China's severance of diplomatic relations with Germany and Italy.

They will be escorted by the Chinese Government as far as the border.

It is learned that German and Italian residents are also preparing to leave but no definite date has been fixed for their departure.—Central News.

EDGE TAKEN
OFF JAPANESE
SWORD BLADE

"WE OWE YOUR Government and nation a tribute of admiration and, what is more, gratitude," said Mr. Philip Graves, for many years foreign editor of "The Times," at a reception at the Chinese Embassy yesterday on the occasion of the arrival of Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Ambassador.

"Your resistance has meant a great deal to Britain and indeed to English-speaking people in general."

"Let us suppose that counsels of prudence and appeasement had prevailed in Nanking at the beginning of the China incident."

"I think my colleague will agree that militant Japan, encouraged by China's surrender or token resistance, would not have stood still."

"We have yet grave dangers before us in the southern seas but the edge has been taken off the sword blade and the arm that wields it is no longer so fresh and lusty as four years ago."

"We welcome Your Excellency as the representative of a great and ancient nation that is fighting the same battle for decency, order and honesty in international relations that we are fighting"—Reuter.

Personal Note

A more personal note was struck by Mr. C. J. Chance lor, General Manager of Reuter's and an old personal friend of Dr. Koo, who said:—

"I first met Dr. Wellington Koo in Nanking in 1931 when, at a time of great crisis and facing personal danger, he undertook at General Chiang Kai-shek's request arduous duties as China's Foreign Minister."

"I accompanied him in the Spring of 1932 in Manchuria, when he went as Chinese Government assessor with the Mission of the League of Nations upon its thankless and, as it proved, fruitless investigation."

Proud Figure

"I well remember Dr. Wellington Koo's staunch and proud figure in the streets of Mukden, alone in an hostile environment and supporting with great courage a cause which for the time being was so obviously lost."

"We are fortunate at this time in having so distinguished a diplomat to represent China in London and in having at the same time our great friend, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, as Foreign Minister in Chungking."

"This is indeed a well-constructed bridge of friendship and understanding between two great capitals and two great Democracies."—Reuter.

DR. QUO TENDERS
SYMPATHIES

Dr. Quo Tai-chi yesterday called on Sir Archibald Kerr, British Ambassador to China, expressing sympathetic concern over the destruction of the British Embassy and Sir Archibald's residence during Japanese air raids.—Central News.

THREE TRAWLERS
SUNK

The Board of Admiralty regrets to announce that H.M. trawlers Ash (Lieut. A. C. Newell N.Z.R.N.V.R.) and Akranes have been sunk. There were no casualties on H. M. trawler Akranes.—Reuter.

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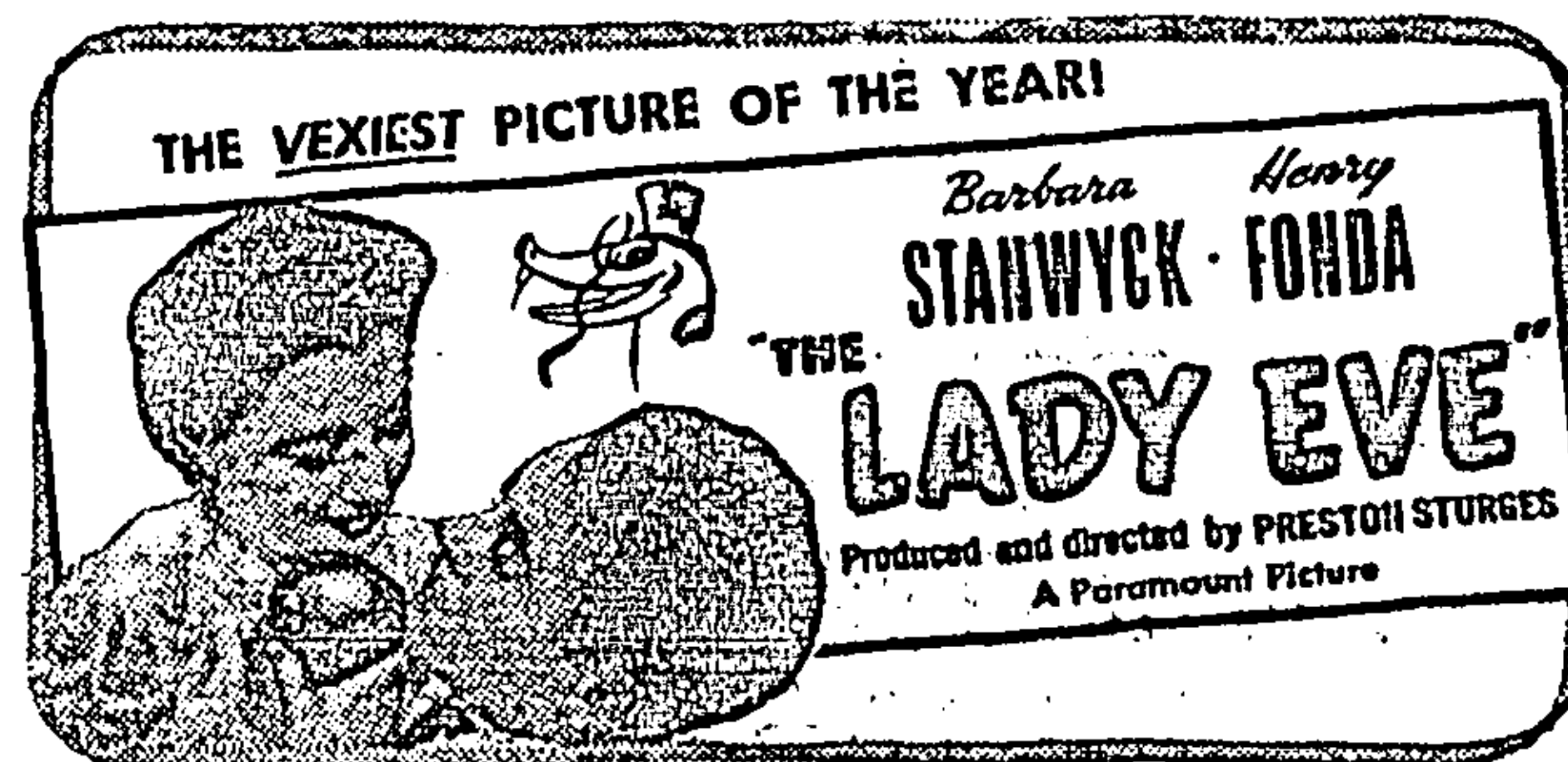
In a by-election at Greenock caused by the appointment of the previous member to judicial office, Mr. Hector Moneil was returned unopposed. He is a member of the Labour Party.—British Wireless.

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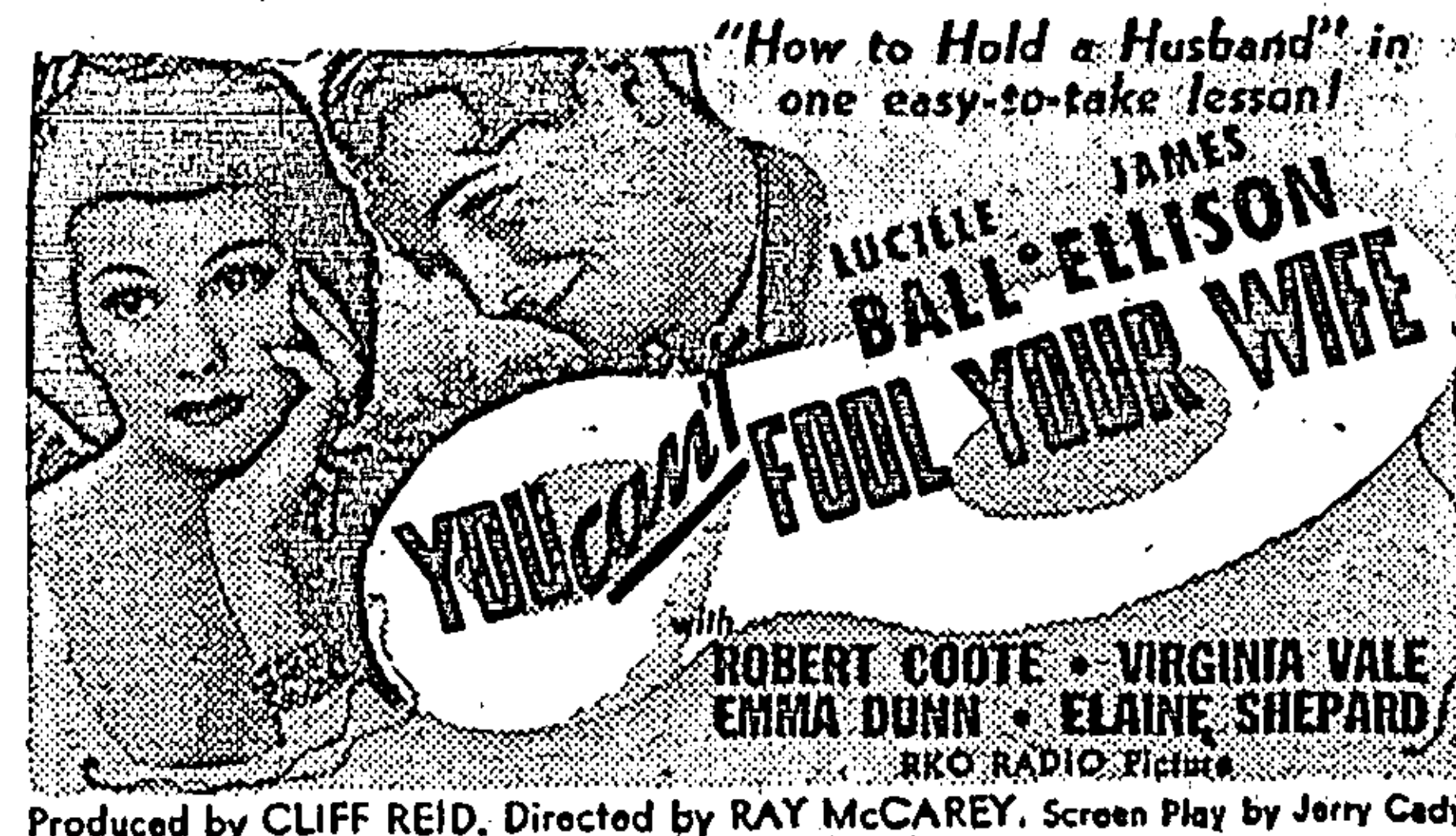
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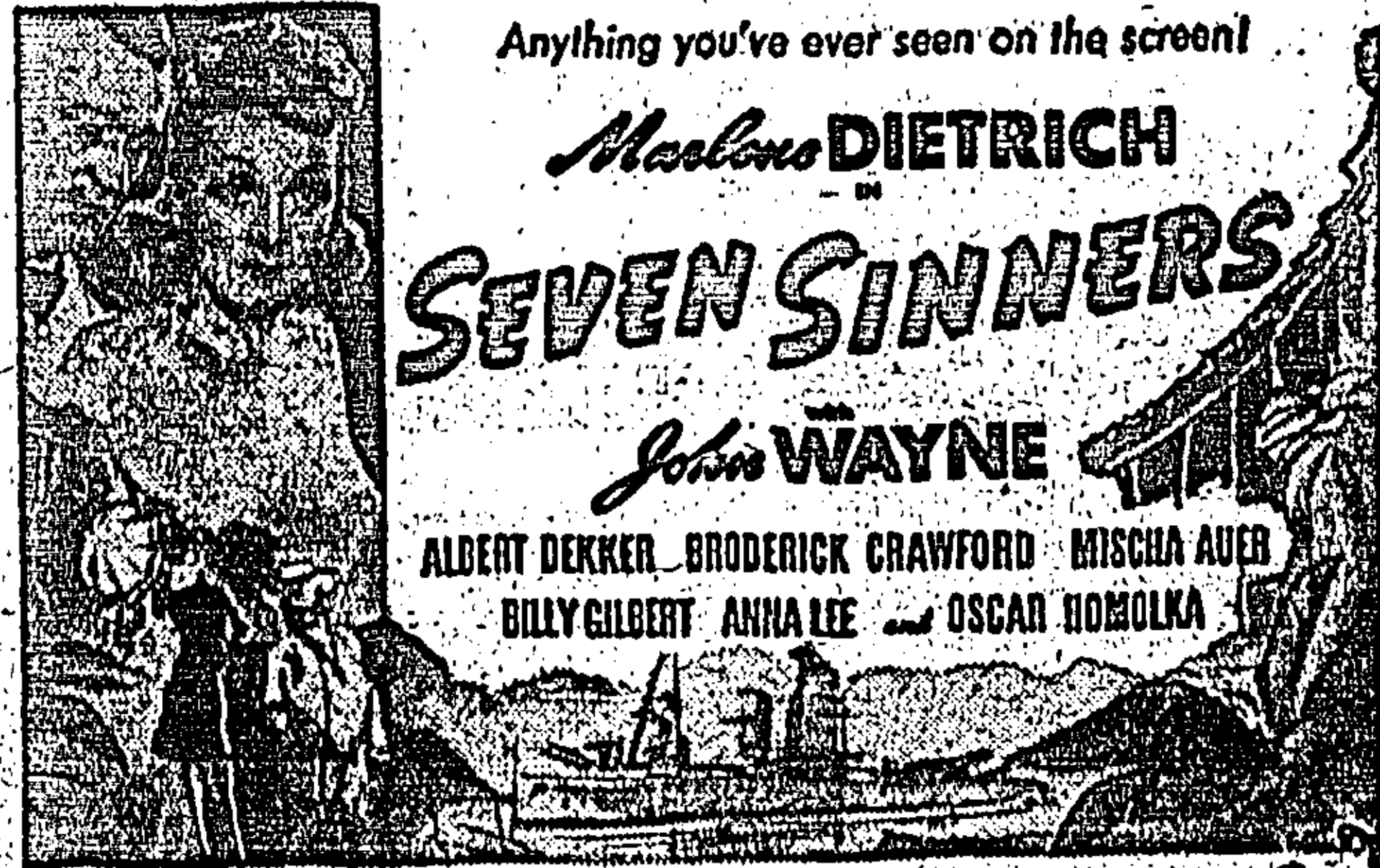
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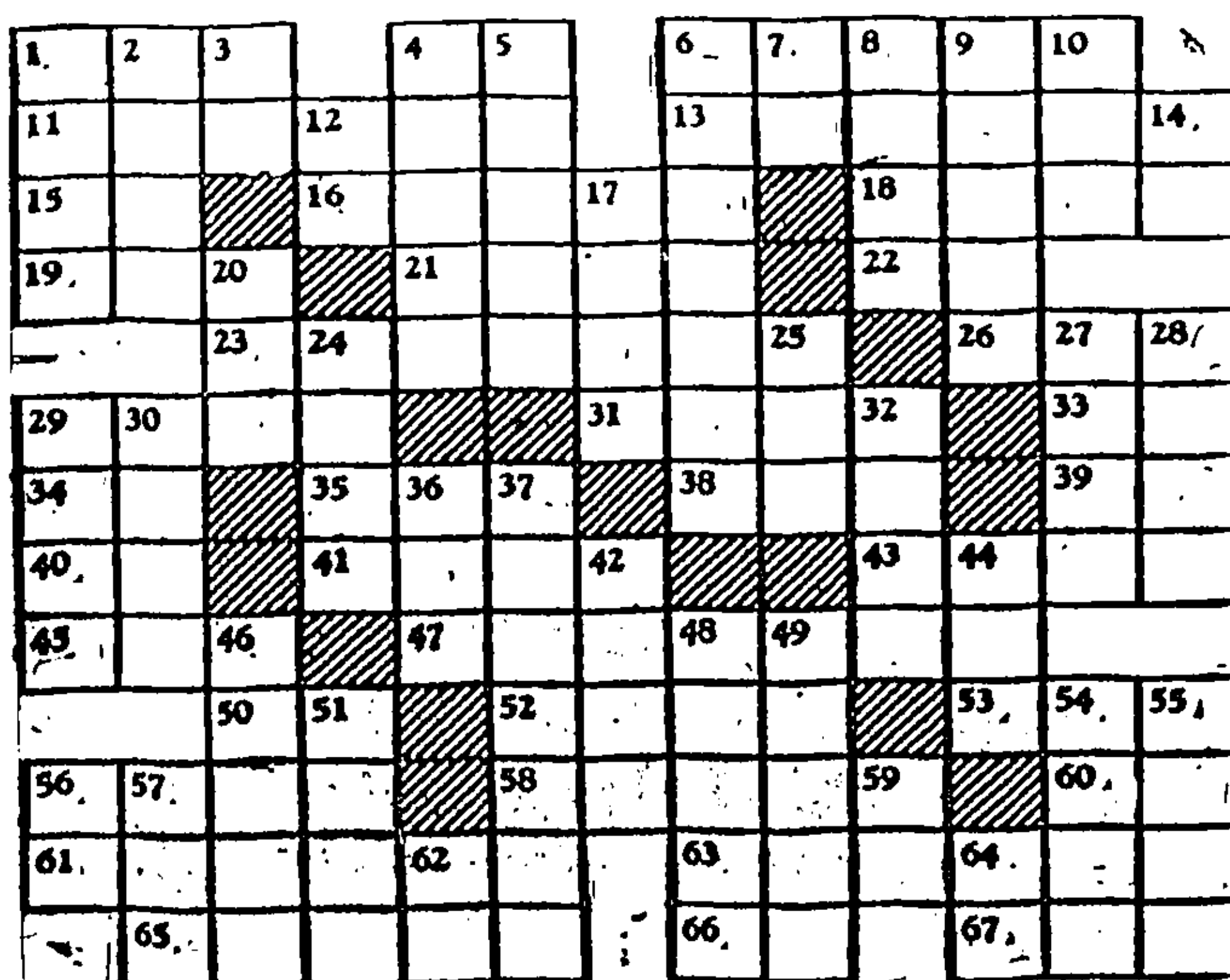
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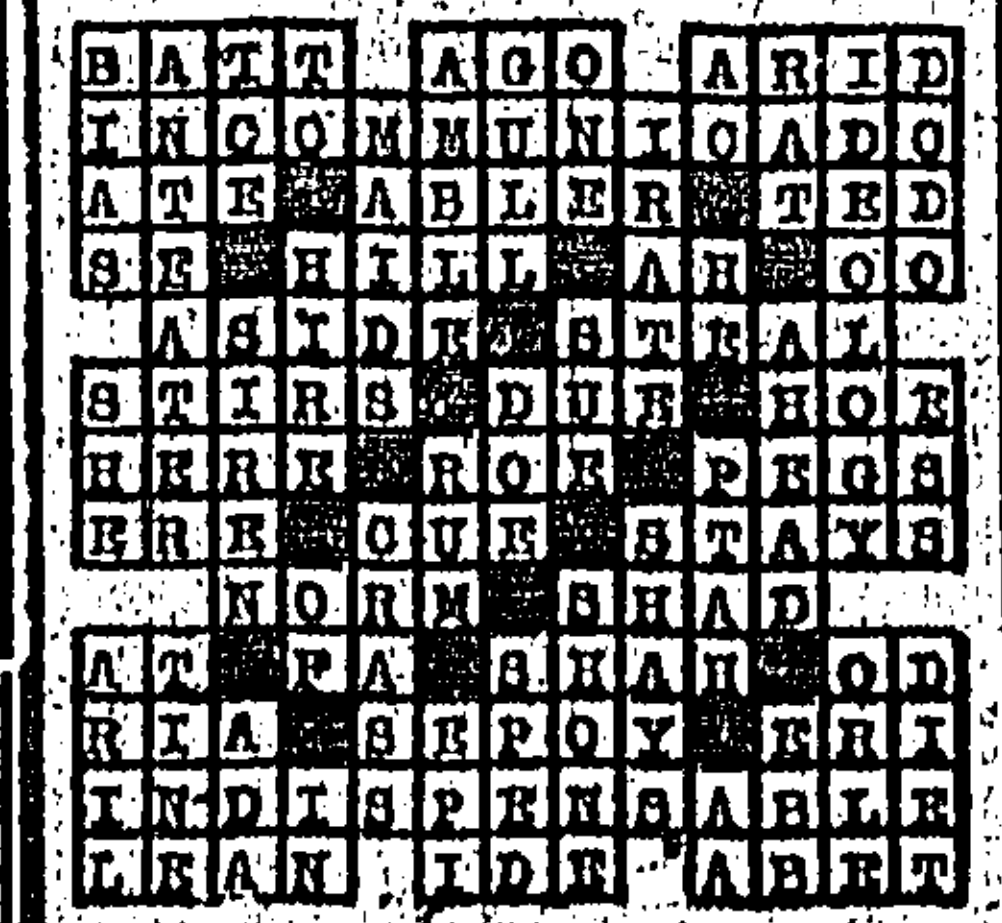


HORIZONTAL
1 In the past
4 Hence
6 To make pale
11 To bestow
13 Poem by Vergil
15 Nook
16 Wrath
18 Man's name
19 Lair
21 To cloy
22 Interjection
23 Passageways
26 To recede
29 To incite
31 Proposition
33 Cooled lava
34 Six
35 Philippine savage
39 Held session
39 French article
40 Hebrew name for God
41 Minus
43 Egyptian deity
45 Malt beverage
47 To allure
50 Negative
52 Chain of rocks near the surface of the water

53 Affirmative
56 Burden
58 The royal antelope
60 Norse god
61 Forerunner
63 Seller
65 Macabre
66 Teutonic deity
67 Rage

VERTICAL
1 Sour
2 Departed
3 Preposition
4 Feeling
5 Musical instrument
6 Heels over
7 Pronoun
8 Ox of Celebes
9 Oblivion
10 Set of tools
12 Note of scale
14 To act
17 Small case
20 To scold
24 Calf meat
25 Music: as written
27 One of Supra Isles
28 Cries like a sheep
29 Part of the eye
30 Stream
32 Pertaining to the ears
36 Beverage
37 Astraddle
42 To walk
44 Pigpen
46 To come into operation
48 Old English ballad
49 Following
51 Glacial ridges
54 Always
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57 Born
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62 Chinese measure
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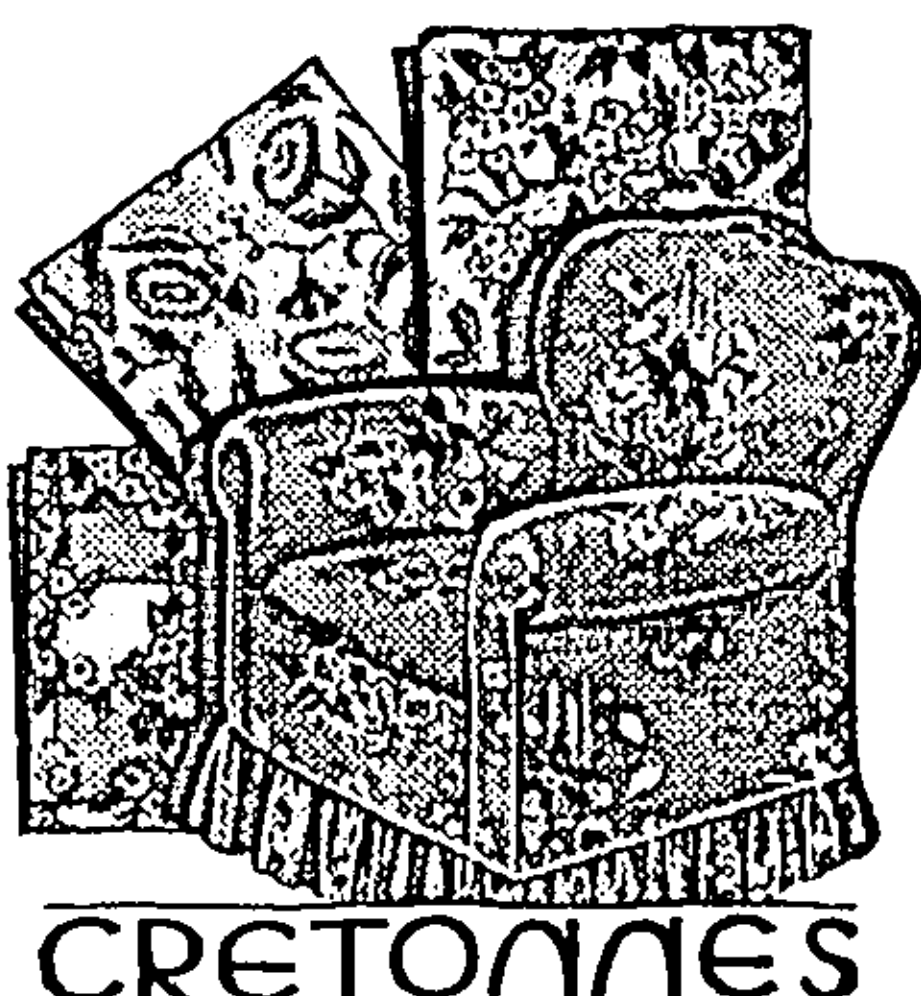
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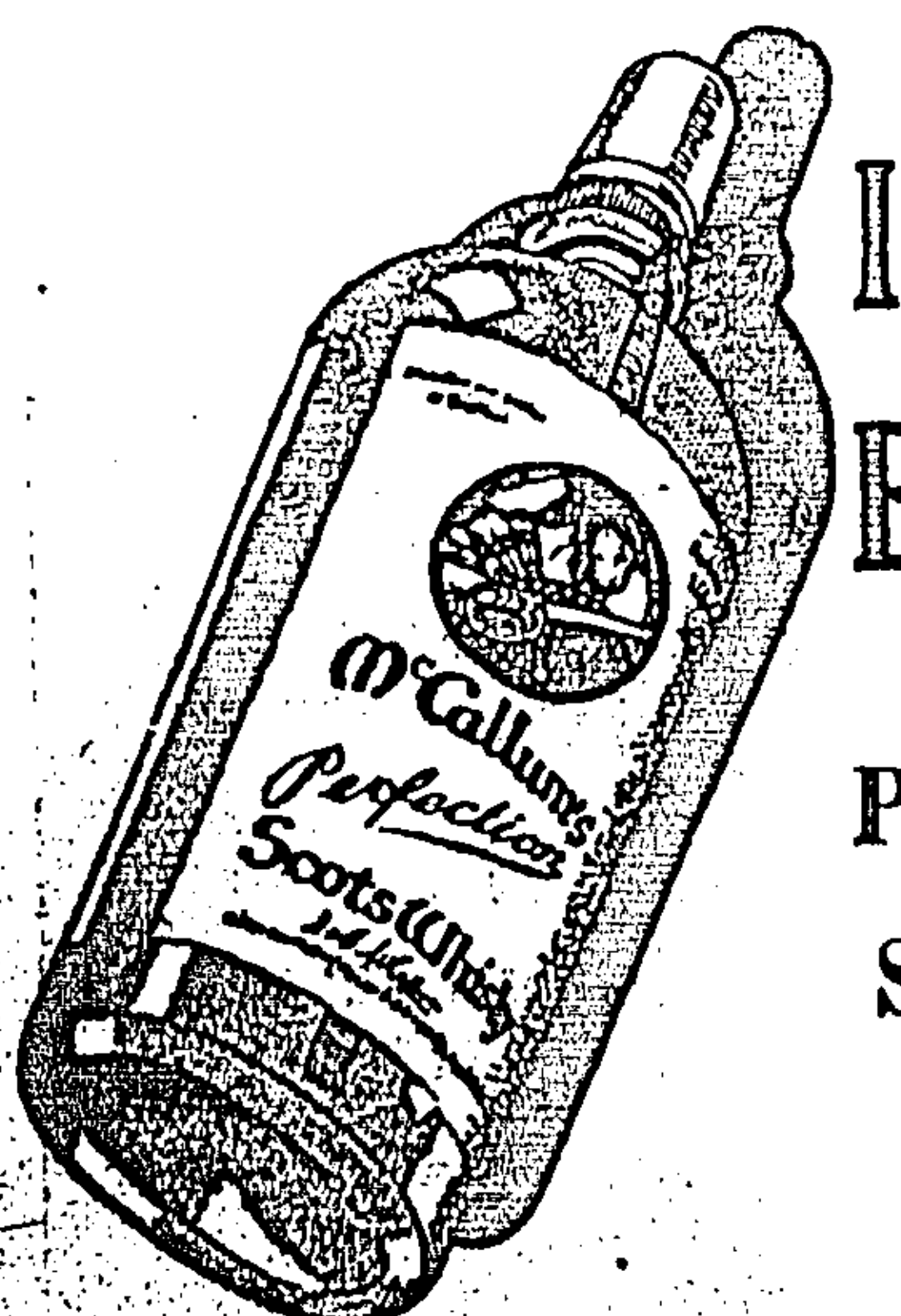
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When they sent out a radio signal, "Both ailerons gone," no one at the base believed it — it seemed impossible that a 15-ton 'plane could still be flying without lateral control.

The story is one of the epics of flight.

Flight-Lieutenant J. G. Fleming, D.F.C., and Flying Officer J. J. Meikle, two R.A.F. Canadians, were bringing the Catalina from Bermuda. She carried a crew of six.

When the automatic control jammed the right aileron was full down and the machine, in its dive, caused the ailerons to flutter.

During this staggering plunge to within 800 feet of the sea the pilots did their utmost to regain stability.

Pressure on the ailerons, however, was so great that one broke away. This was the worst moment of all. Then the second aileron was torn off. It helped to restore the balance of the ship.

Daren't Move Hands

When the flutter began the radio operator sent out an S O S. It was never received—the fixed wireless aerial had been carried away with the ailerons.

Just as they believed they must hit the water, the pilots recovered control.

Fleming and Meikle were compelled to sit side by side exerting all their strength on the control to keep the machine in the air.

They dared not remove their hands to look at a map. Fortunately, Fleming had memorised his course, and, with Meikle's aid, managed to turn the machine very gently until it was on its correct course again. As they approached the British coast they flew into a storm, yet landed in harbour.

FLEW TO SHANGHAI FROM HONG KONG

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
Mr. L. E. Rougeter, the new Counsellor at the British Embassy in Shanghai, who is relieving Mr. Broadmead, arrived in Shanghai by plane from Hong Kong this morning.

Another arrival by the same plane was Sir Hubert Wilkins, the famous Australian explorer, who has travelled through 71 countries—China being the 71st. —International News Service.

MUNITION GIRLS' BIGGEST HOSTEL

BRITAIN'S LARGEST HOSTEL FOR WOMEN MUNITION WORKERS, WHICH IS IN NORTHERN ENGLAND, HAS RECEIVED ITS FIRST DRAFT OF RESIDENTS.

It is run by the Y.W.C.A., in conjunction with the Y.M.C.A. and the Ministry of Supply, and will eventually accommodate 2,000 workers. A second hostel is to be opened in Wales.

Amenities include gardens and allotments, tennis courts, hockey field and netball pitches, a games room and library. Board and lodging cost 25s. a week.

NO RICE AT WEDDINGS

Use of rice at weddings is an offence, states the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food.

VICTIM 'DEPLORES' SENTENCE

THE CASE AGAINST A SHANGHAI TAILOR, CHAN CHUNG SHAN, OF NO. 15, SHING WO ROAD, CHARGED WITH CAUSING GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM TO WONG MING-KO, 29, WAS CONCLUDED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELTON, K. C., THIS MORNING.

Accused was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

In his defence, accused said that a pickpocket gave Wong \$184 and asked him to keep it for him. Wong spent \$84 on a dinner party to a crowd of friends. On the night of the incident, it was the pickpocket, who now knew that complainant had spent his money, who struck complainant in the face with the chopper.

After sentence was passed, Wong, the victim, burst into tears. When questioned by a "China Mail" representative he said: "What is the use of sending him to prison; after all I am a cripple already."

QUESTION STOPS A TRIAL

Holding that a question put to a witness by the prosecuting counsel was "likely seriously to prejudice the interests of the prisoner," Judge Beazley stopped a case at the Old Bailey and ordered a re-trial.

MILLIONAIRE DUKE SAVED ESTATE £300,000

BY HIS ECONOMY as a millionaire the twenty-seven-year-old ninth Duke of Northumberland, who, as a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards was killed in France last year, realised in death his ambition in life to conserve the Percy estates.

Further grants of probate showed that by what he called "tightening his belt" he saved the estates £300,000. It was announced that probate had been granted for lands valued at £355,000 to make a total of £1,802,089, or £300,000 more than he inherited in 1930.

Because he was killed on active service the death duties will be discounted according to his expectation of life. This means that they will total about £230,000, instead of £600,000, with the result that the younger brother who succeeded him has been left more than was left by their father.

Closed His Castle

It was to conserve the estates that the ninth duke told his tenants of his decision to close the 200-roomed Alnwick Castle, in Northumberland, for 630 years the home of the Percys. It was from this feudal fortress that Harry Percy, the great Hotspur and Shakespeare's "valiant rebel,"

sallied forth to fight the Earl of Douglas.

The duke made his home at Lesbury House, Alnwick, a twenty-roomed house on the estate. The castle became wartime home of Newcastle Church High School for Girls.

In his announcement the duke explained that earlier he had to sell property that had been in the family for centuries to pay death duties.

He said that the estate had paid death duties twice in twelve years; that when his father died in 1930, £1,000,000 was paid on an estate valued at £2,500,000. In 1918, when his grandfather died, the Exchequer took £180,000.

"I must tighten my belt," he said to his tenants. "No one is more alive to the value of tradition than I, but when it comes to a choice between the tradition of living in a castle and the tradition of doing one's best to maintain this estate there can be no hesitation."

RAID ON SUEZ CANAL ZONE OILFIELD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The German High Command yesterday claimed that a heavy night air raid was carried out on an aerodrome in the Suez Canal zone. The German 'planes presumably came from Crete. —International News Service.

PROFESSIONAL SHOPLIFTERS

Said to be professional shoplifters, Pang Chuen, 40, and Li Wing, 42, were sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Second accused was given a further three months for a breach of the Deportation Ordinance. Accused went to a shop with another man pretending to want to buy gold foil. Accused walked around and attracted the foks attention elsewhere while the third man left the shop with the gold foil.

BOY CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER

A 14-year-old Chinese lad faced a charge of manslaughter in the Kowloon Juvenile Court this morning.

The case was adjourned for a week by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson.

The lad was involved in a fight with another boy yesterday in Shamshuipo.

Chief Detective-Inspector A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.

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WINDSOR HOUSE

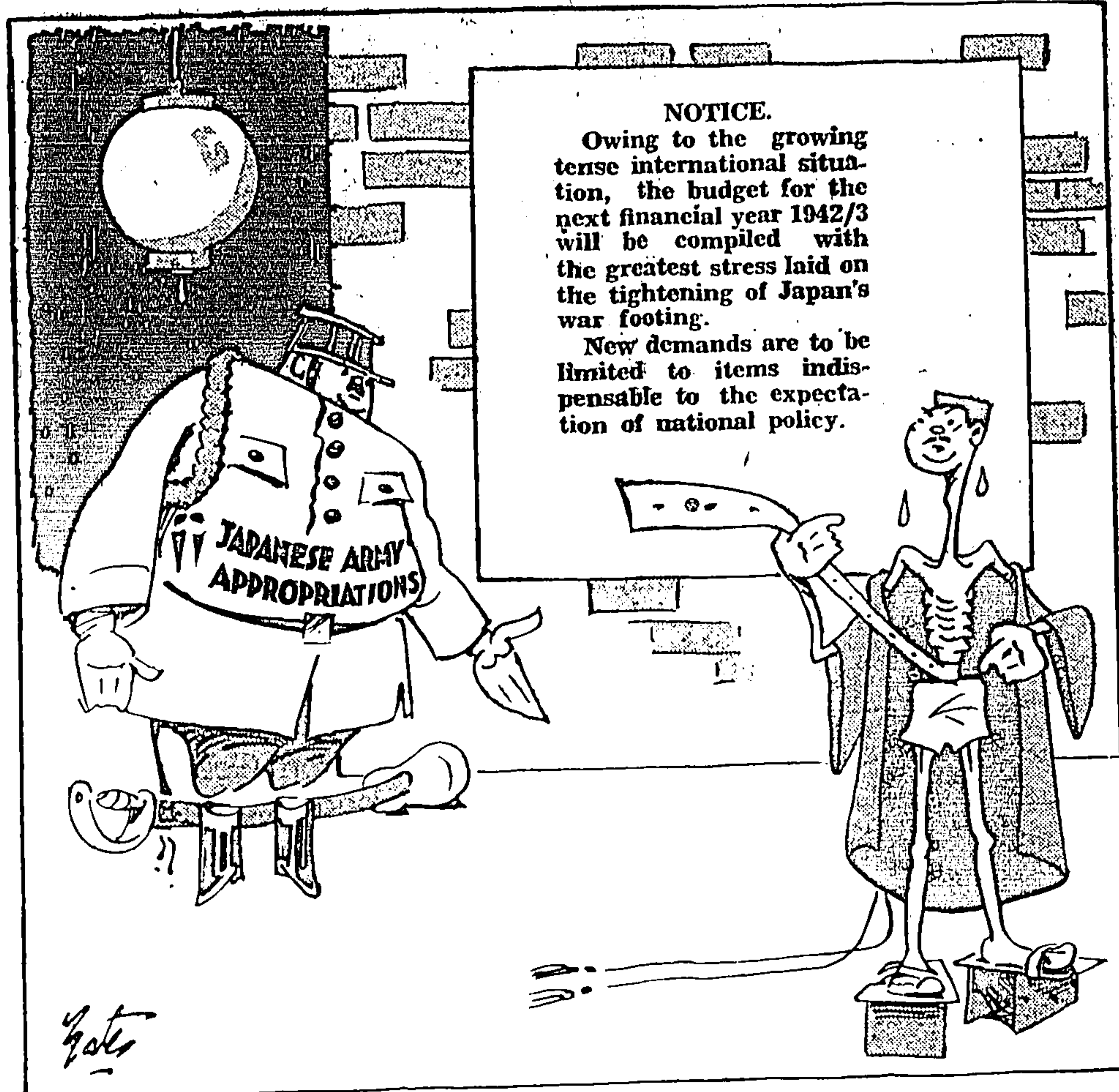
IMPLICATIONS

Two interesting statements have followed the action of President Roosevelt in accepting responsibility for the guardianship of Iceland. Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons, has pointed to the logical outcome of that step: close Anglo-American cooperation in the defence of the island and the mutual advantages to be derived from Anglo-American naval cooperation in keeping the dangerous waters of the North Atlantic open to supplies from the United States to her forces in Iceland and from the United States to Britain. Mr. Willkie, in Washington, following an interview with President Roosevelt, indicated that his influence had been brought to bear to break down resistances to the full implications of the lend-lease policy. Effective aid or none at all, is Mr. Willkie's doctrine, and it involves measures to ensure the maintenance of free sea-lanes. The positions of Mr. Willkie and President Roosevelt are, of course, from all practical considerations, vitally different. Mr. Willkie is a free-lance. The heavy responsibility of decisions from which there can be no retreat is the President's. There is, however, a good deal to be said for the insistence in influential sections of the American Press that Mr. Willkie's forthright stand is more typically representative of the average American attitude to the problems of the hour.

In a recent issue of "Collier's Weekly" he succeeded in one and the same paragraph in demolishing the defeatism of the isolationists and in charting a bolder course for the administration, when he wrote:

I give to America a practical, specific plan. Furnish to Britain to-day and to-morrow and the next day, for her desperate need, ships — the ships in our docks, the ships in our coastwise trade — until it hurts, the impounded ships of other nations, the ships we are building. Give to her destroyers, and, if necessary, see that those ships, loaded with the ever-increasing production of American factories and farms, deliver their cargoes safely to the ports of western and northern England. Thus England will survive.

Here is the reply to Col. Lindbergh's assumption that Britain cannot possibly win and that aid for Britain is therefore futile. Here also is the call to courageous leadership in place of hesitation. Mr. Willkie coupled his plea for delivering the cargoes with a plea for maximum industrial production. His



TIGHTENING UP THE (CIVILIAN) BELT.

We Have His Measure

All over the world there are hints and rumours in circulation that peace is possible within a very short time. Hitler, we are told, is just about to tell us that so far as he is concerned he has won all he wants and that for him the war is at an end. He is even prepared, so the story goes, to give up some of his gains in the interests of peace, and Britain, it is hinted, may agree to some such deal, realising that the complete defeat of Hitler is now impossible.

Don't believe it. Hitler may ardently desire a peace of that kind. It is the one thing that could save him. But he has no more chance of getting away with

it now, than he has of Nazifying Britain. Far from believing that Hitler cannot be beaten, Britain is now convinced to a man that he can be beaten and beaten completely.

A year ago Britain was less confident. The British with their backs to the wall, almost unarmed, except for a magnificent though small Air Force, and an unbeatable Navy, with characteristic stubbornness refused to believe that defeat was possible.

With grim determination they set out to rearm themselves. They

By John Gordon

made many blunders. They went about the job slowly. They took many hard knocks on sea and on land in the process. They had to watch their cities being laid in ruins, and the populations being scarred and torn.

But they set their jaws grimly and held on. Their determination never faltered. Sentimentality went out of their nature as the months of horror piled up, and they became like steel.

Now we have reached the stage when if any Government proposed a peace with Germany—if such a Government were possible which it isn't—it would be hurled from power in an hour. Every man, woman and child in Britain is determined that this war shall not end until Hitler is in the dust, no matter how long it takes, no matter what sacrifices it needs. We are ready to give

all the time, the treasure, and even the lives necessary to achieve that.

But we do not think it will take so very long. We believe that although Hitler, by careful massing of his forces at selected places, can still pull off a dramatic coup or two, we have the measure of him now. We believe he has shot his bolt. We believe that the tide is on the turn.

Why are we so confident? I will tell you frankly. The Battle of the Atlantic has been a rough affair for us. But the losses are going down. We are getting the upper hand slowly but surely. The destruction or the immobilisation of those three great ships on which Hitler gambled so much as ocean raiders, Bismarck, Gneisenau, and Scharnhorst have saved the day for us. The smaller raiders, the U. Boats and the sea bombers, are lesser menaces and in due course, they will be mopped up.

The Mediterranean situation, complicated a little by the loss of Crete, is not so bad as it was in the week France fell, in spite of all that has happened. Hitler will never reach the Suez Canal. He will never succeed in closing the Mediterranean.

Hitler's greatest danger, the real reason why he is filling the world with phoney peace stories is a very simple one. Thanks to American aid, and to the fact that his bombers have not succeeded in slowing up production in Britain, in spite of all their efforts, the Air Force of Britain is now almost equal in strength to Germany's. And the full tide of production has not yet begun to flow either in Britain or America. That time is approaching.

Hitler gambled that Air Power would win him this war. Air Power is going to defeat him instead. He knows that and that is why he is so anxious to get peace talk going. It is he who has his back to the wall at this moment. Not Britain.

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ARMISTICE MIXUP

Dentz Ignores Beirut Hint: Battle Goes On

THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTED FROM VICHY LAST NIGHT THAT THE VICHY GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO RESPECT THE BRITISH TERMS FOR AN ARMISTICE IN SYRIA.

No confirmation is so far available from any other source but the German-controlled Paris radio, after giving a list of the alleged terms, added: "We do not yet know what decision the Government has made but everything leads us to believe that such dictation cannot be accepted."

In Jerusalem last evening it was stated there was still no reply from General Dentz to General Wilson's broadcast urging him to evacuate Beirut.

The Imperial troops which are now pressing forward after their victory at Damour are meeting with a fair amount of opposition in front of Beirut, and the Vichy air force is bombing the positions taken at Damour.

EVIDENTLY GENERAL DENTZ INTENDS TO IGNORE GENERAL WILSON'S APPEAL, AS HE DID AT DAMASCUS.

Beirut is now covered with a thick pall of black smoke from a ship hit in the harbour by the R.A.F.

The military spokesman at General Wilson's headquarters in Jerusalem disclosed yesterday that as far as is known at present about 700 prisoners were captured at Damour.

Damascus Road

Meanwhile there is a determined effort to end the stalemate on the Damascus-Beirut road, where Vichy artillery is based on the commanding Jebel Mazar Ridge and the main road.

It is stated in Jerusalem that by noon yesterday all objectives had been gained except on the extreme right flank.

With the prospect of the early elimination of the Vichy artillery positions on the Mazar Ridge, the threat to Beirut from the east is intensified.

While the Allies are closing in on Beirut, progress is also being made in the far north-east of Syria.

Indian troops which entered the country from Iraq have now reached Kamehli, adjoining the Istanbul-Baghdad railway, having captured Demir Kapou on the way.

It is stated that hitherto they have found the whole railway open and in good condition.

Pressure Maintained

At the extreme south end of Syria, in the Jezzine sector, steady pressure on the Vichy troops has been maintained and the Allies have reached Beikoum (five miles north of Jezzine) and Mazratt ez Chouf.

The Allies are shelling Vichy troops at Daadrano, 2-1/2 miles north-east of Beikoum, where the Vichy forces are reported to be in some strength.

Pressure is also being maintained in the Merj Ayoun sector in the direction of Hasbaya, where the Allies have captured the village of Kafr Chebar.

Vichy Statement

No reply to General Dentz's requests for the suspension of hostilities has yet reached Beirut, a Vichy communique stated last night, and fighting in Syria therefore continues.—Reuter.

Lyons Reports

With reference to a statement put out by Lyons radio at 1.30 p.m. yesterday, to the effect that no reply had yet been received to General Dentz's request for an armistice, it is pointed out in London that an immediate reply was given stating our terms. Until such time as General Dentz accepts these terms our forces would naturally continue the fight.

Cairo Communique

A Cairo communique states: "Vichy troops holding outlying areas covering Aleppo and Hama are continuing their withdrawal

in the face of our pressure.

In the central sector local advances again have been made. On the coastal sector, the advance of Australian troops towards Beirut is progressing.

With the capture of the town of Damour many hundreds of Vichy troops were taken together with 17 guns, three tanks and five armoured cars."

Raqqah Captured

A competent military authority in London stated yesterday the Allied troops in Syria had reached Raqqah.

The forces which captured Palmyra have now established contact with those forces which have reached Es Sukhne and Deir ez Zor coming from Iraq, so that the whole of Syria east of these towns is controlled by the Allied forces.

On the coastal road our troops have advanced into the outskirts of Beirut.—British Wireless.

German Humour?

"A nasty surprise for the Japanese," was the Moscow radio announcer's comment on Germany's latest propaganda film meant to illustrate the operations against the Red Army.

The film purports to depict "atrocities" of the Soviet Air Force against "defenceless populations," but the Moscow radio announcer pointed out that the "picture could immediately be recognised by anyone who knows the region as being pictures taken during the bombing of Kansu by the Japanese fleet air arm.

"Details of the landscape and of the operations carried out leave no doubt as to the origin of the film."—Reuter.

ANOTHER BEIRUT WARNING

British planes dropped leaflets yesterday on Beirut, demanding that it be declared an open town and occupied by British forces.

The demand was in the form of an ultimatum, according to the official Vichy news agency.

It had "nothing to do" with the negotiations for cessation of hostilities for which the United States consulate is acting as intermediary.

Admiral Darlan, who returned to Vichy from the occupied zone yesterday, conferred with Marshal Petain in the morning about Syria and his talks in Paris.

He also conferred about Syria with the Vichy Defence Minister, General Huntzinger.—Reuter.

QUISLING GRUMBLES

"There have been only some 1,000 Dutch volunteers to fight against Soviet Russia," complained the Dutch Quisling, Heer Mussert, according to reports reaching Lisbon.

Mussert also declared that Germany had attacked Russia because "Russia's corn-fields must be opened to the whole of Europe."—Reuter.

UNHAPPY MINOR WAR

While no statement is yet available of the armistice terms to be placed before General Dentz, Vichy High Commissioner in Syria, relief is naturally felt in Britain at the possibility of an early cessation of what "The Times" describes as "this unhappy minor war."

Relief is of a twofold kind. The Syrian campaign, says "The Times," "has already cost the Empire between one thousand and fifteen hundred casualties and these losses do not apparently include those suffered by the Free French.

"The figures are small by comparison with those of the great campaigns but they are woefully large for one waged against forces of a former ally, against men who inspire us with no hostile feelings—however, much we may condemn the policy of those who made our action necessary, against men whom only the backwash of the Nazi attack upon civilisation has made our enemies for a time."

A similar opinion is expressed in the "Daily Telegraph" which, dealing with the announcement of a formal application by Dentz, says: "No announcement could be more grateful to this country, for the thought that the French and British armies were fighting no longer side by side but against one another was as repugnant as the thought of internecine war."

Unnatural Antagonism

"Only the sternest necessity could compel acceptance of such an unnatural antagonism."

"Mr. Churchill, who knows so well how to express the general feeling of the House and nation, said just what needed to be said of this distressing business."

"It is, as he put it, a clear story of the Syrian campaign that some 1,500 British, Australian and Indian soldiers, who volunteered to join the army in order to defend France, should have fallen killed or wounded under French bullets."

"No wonder the British Government welcome the negotiations which have been asked for and it is to be hoped they may reach a speedy conclusion."—British Wireless.

LITTLE NORWAY'S HOME IN SCOTLAND

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

TUCKED AWAY among the hills of Scotland I found something of "The Norway" that used to lie on the other side of the North Sea.

It was the real happy Norway that sooner or later—they all hope sooner—will return from its temporary abode in Scotland.

The impression of being in the old Norway, given by the terrain, was heightened by womenfolk wearing Norwegian peasant costume and the Norwegian flag flying proudly in the breeze while even direction posts nearby were in Norwegian.

The men are preparing to join in ousting the Nazi invader from Norway. Many of them have already paid a short visit home, for in the camp I found several men who had taken part in the Lofoten and Oefsfjord raids, raids which gave tremendous encouragement to those still under bondage in Norway.

Fine stalwart fellows were these Norwegians, officers and men. All were thirsting for revenge, and judging from what I saw, that thirst will take some quenching; I should not like to be a German living in Norway. In the camp were Norwegians who, without hesitation, had come from all quarters of the globe to Britain to enrol in the Norwegian armed forces, from South Africa, Canada, Australia, South America, the Near East and Far East.

Sturdy Whale Men

Many of them were sturdy whale men who had spent most of their lives in the Antarctic.

One batch were arriving home after two years abroad when they learnt of the German invasion of Norway.

Although they had not seen their wives and families, for whom they had brought many souvenirs of their travels, for such a long time, they did not hesitate to turn the ship round before reaching Norwegian waters and make immediately for England.—Reuter.

POLICE CAR FORCED TO DODGE

Mr. F. W. Shaftain, A.D.C.I (C) prosecuted in a traffic summons against Mak Lu-fai, of No. 39, Lockhart Road, before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, for overtaking a moving vehicle when rounding a bend.

Mr. Shaftain said that on Sunday, June 15, he was in a Police car travelling east in Pokfulam Road, near the Pumping Station. Accused's car was travelling in the opposite direction. When rounding a bend, accused overtook a bus and the Police car had to mount the pavement to avoid a collision. Defendant was fined \$15.

LORD VANSITTART

A visitor received by His Majesty yesterday was Lord Vansittart on relinquishing his appointment as Diplomatic Adviser to the Government.—British Wireless.

SECRET SESSION

Announcing forthcoming Parliamentary business, the Lord Privy Seal stated that on the last of the next three sitting days there would be a debate in secret session on home defence.—British Wireless.

FILM STAR BREAKS 3 RIBS

Film actor George Raft broke three ribs and bruised his stomach in a fall from a 30ft. pole while playing the role of a power linesman in a rainstorm.—Reuter.

THEFT FROM CAR

Three months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara this morning on Chau Leung, 18, for stealing a leather cover from car No. 3794, parked in Nathan Road yesterday morning.

OSLO STREET BATTLE

Violent street fighting is reported in Oslo in a Stockholm press despatch reaching London.

Origin of the dispute is stated to be the assembly of a large crowd to pay homage to Abraham Lincoln's statue. Quisling guards tried to disperse the gathering, whereupon the crowd retaliated. Police reinforcements were called and made arrests.—Reuter.

NO RAIDS DURING DAYLIGHT

An official communique in London states: "Up to 8 p.m. last evening no reports had been received of any activity over this country yesterday." — Reuter.

SIXTH VICTIM

A sixth enemy bomber is now known to have been destroyed during the raids on Britain on the night of July 7/8. The crew were picked up at sea.—Reuter.

WIMPEY IS SAFE

Wimpey, one of the last members of the R.A.F. to get out of Greece, has arrived safely back in Cairo after being flown across the Mediterranean.

The first thing this member of one of the crack British fighter squadrons did was devour a pork chop.

Wimpey is a two-month-old spaniel puppy.

DR. KOO PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

His Majesty the King yesterday received in audience at Buckingham Palace, Dr. Wellington Koo, the new Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James, who presented his Letters of Credence.

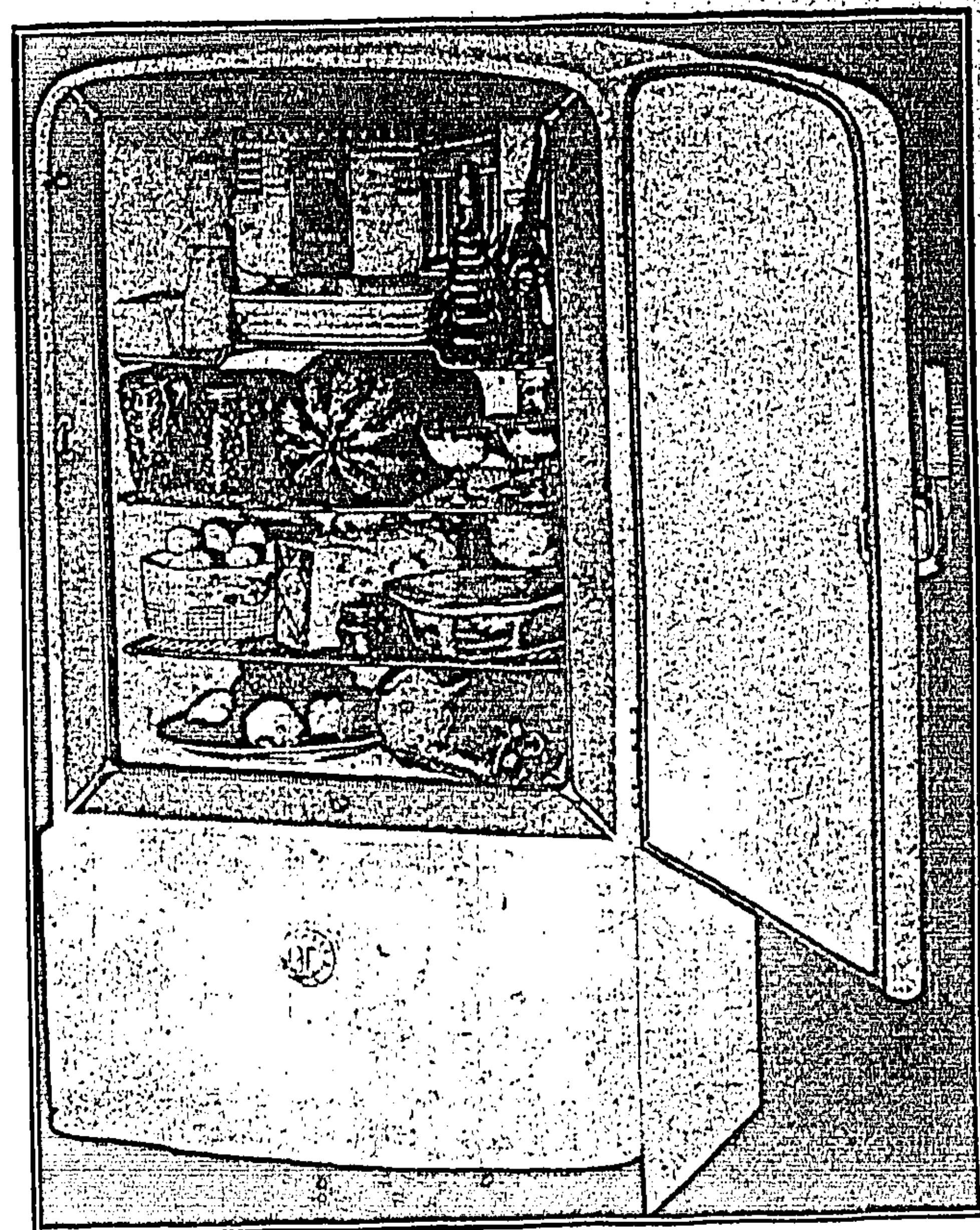
Dr. Koo was accompanied by the following members of the Chinese Embassy who had the honour of being presented to His Majesty:—

Dr. Chen Wei-cheng, Counsellor; Mr. Yui Ming, Counsellor; Mr. Sze Chao-keui, Counsellor; Mr. Tan Pao-shen, Counsellor and First Secretary; Dr. Liang Yuen-li, First Secretary; Mr. Tsien Tsuen-dien, First Secretary; Mr. Fu Kuan-hsiung, First Secretary, and Major Chen Pin-kai, Assistant Military Attaché.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, was present.—Reuter.

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A Scholarship Examination will be held on Saturday, 19th July at 9 a.m. at Stanley. One scholarship covering board fees, \$385 p.a., will be offered to sons of Old Boys in need of help, but in the event of none such qualifying, the award will be open to others. For application forms apply to

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 14th day of July, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2866.	Junction of Un Chau Street and Fat Tseung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 18,380	\$252 \$11,016

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,102.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4311.	Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road & Mok Cheong Street, Ma Tau Chung.	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About \$14,880.	\$170 \$11,160

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,116.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 51

By The Four Aces

We don't really like to sermonise, but to-day's crime hand clearly points a moral:

South, Dealer	North-South vulnerable
NORTH	
♠ A J 9 6 5 4	
♥ Q J 7 4	
♦ Q	
♣ J 7	
WEST	
♠ 8 2	
♥ 9 8 6 2	
♦ J 7 6 3	
♣ A 10 9	
EAST	
♠ K Q 10 7 3	
♥ —	
♦ 10 9 5 4 2	
♣ 6 3 2	
SOUTH	
♠ —	
♥ A K 10 6 3	
♦ A K 8	
♣ K Q 8 5 4	

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♣ Pass 4♥ Pass
6♥ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the eight of spades, and South saw a chance to win thirteen tricks. He won the first trick with the spade Ace, cashed the diamond Queen, and ruffed a low spade. The Ace and King of diamonds allowed South to discard dummy's clubs, and then South led a low club and ruffed in dummy.

A low spade was returned from the North hand, and South ruffed with the heart six. But West over-ruffed with the eight of hearts, and West then returned a trump. After this return, South could not manage to win the rest of the tricks but was set one trick.

Be sure you see the right crime before you read on, for there's more than one misdeed concealed in the story we have just told.

South was the criminal, of course, and his chief crime consisted in trying to win thirteen tricks. Instead of trying to discard dummy's clubs and cross-ruff, he should have conceded a trick to the club Ace, drawn trumps, and won twelve tricks with ease.

But even if South decided to cash the diamonds and play for a cross-ruff, he should have ruffed the third round of spades with the ten of hearts. He could then continue by ruffing a club with dummy's remaining low heart, and from then on he could cross-ruff with trump honours. That line of play would produce twelve tricks without risk.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 9 3	
♥ K 10 4	
♦ K 5	
♣ J 9 8 7	
The bidding:	
Schenken Jacoby You Miler	
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass	
2♥ Pass (7)	

ANSWER: Bid three hearts. Sooner or later you must show

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CHINESE DROWNED AT LAICHIKOK

A 28-year-old Chinese, Tam Wai-cheung of No. 642, Shanghai Street, was drowned near the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Swimming Shed, Laichikok, yesterday afternoon. He was seen in difficulty when only 25 feet from the shore. Members of the Chinese "Y" swam to his aid but life was already extinct when the body was brought ashore.



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Question No. 765

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Miler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	(7)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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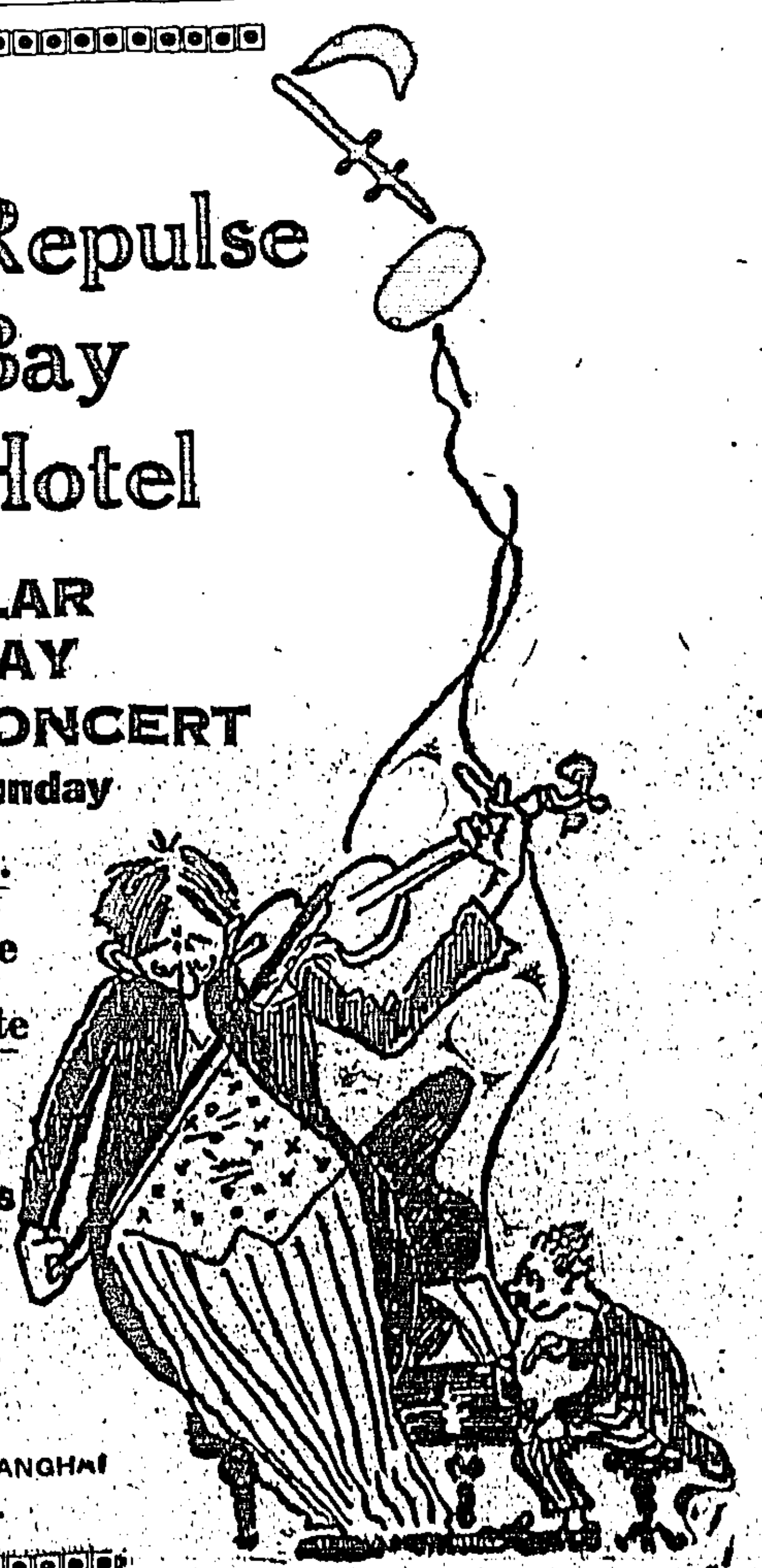
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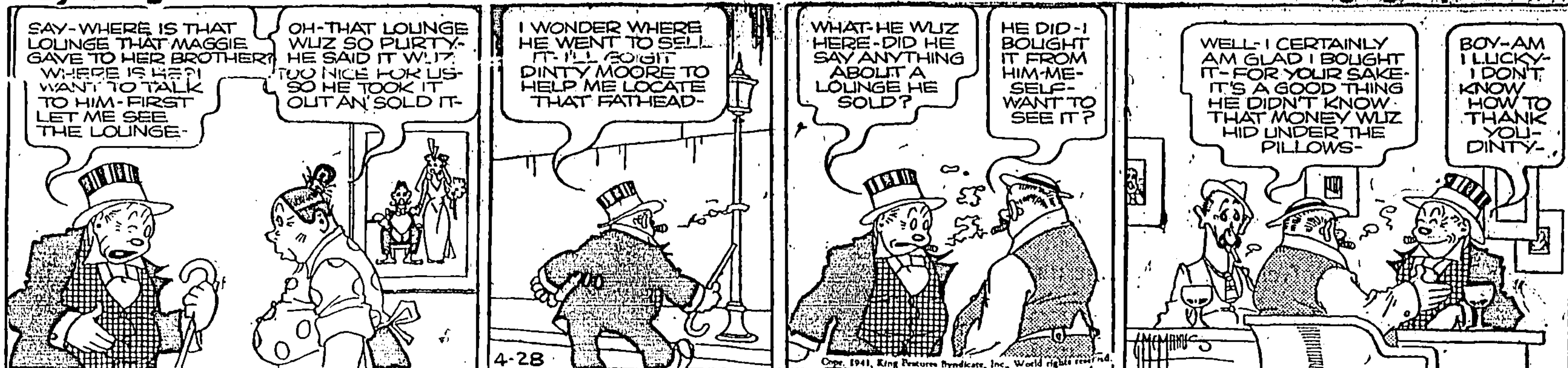
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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A total of 666 German women and children refugees from Batavia docked in Shanghai in the Asama Maru yesterday.

Of this number 199 disembarked in Shanghai, the rest are proceeding to Japan.

The Asama Maru's schedule was altered last month to enable her to proceed direct from Manila to Batavia to pick up the refugees.

"Heil Hitler" the refugees shouted as the liner approached the wharf where a big gathering of the local Nazi Party was on hand to greet the arrivals.

All appeared healthy despite their year-long detention in various internment camps in Batavia.

Those staying in Shanghai are to be quartered in the German School for the time being.

Women told newsmen the camps' food was inadequate though their appearance belied the words.

Husbands and male relatives were detained in other camps and are still in Batavia.—International News Service.

ANOTHER RAID ON CHUNGKING

Forty-eight Japanese planes in two waves made another attack on Chungking yesterday afternoon. Bombs were dropped in the suburbs, inflicting about 30 civilian casualties and demolishing scores of houses.—Central News.

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In Hong Kong, Mr. Fox will meet Mr. K. P. Chen, Chairman of the Board, Mr. Tsu Yee-pei, and the British representative, Mr. Rodgers.

Financial circles in Shanghai denied reports that the Chinese Government is contemplating the issue of "gold exchange" notes as a counter to Japanese activities in the Shanghai market.

Mr. Fox is expected to make a detailed report on the Shanghai market for the Board in Hong Kong.—Our Own Correspondent.

BLAKE PIER INCIDENT

THAT A CHINESE DETECTIVE WAS INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT IN WHICH A EUROPEAN WAS TEMPORARILY DETAINED BY THE POLICE, IS A STORY RELATED TO THE POLICE BY CHINESE STUDENTS WHO CLAIMED TO BE EYE-WITNESSES.

The story, which the Police have investigated, accuses a Chinese detective of having struck the deceased man in Pedder Street, after which he collapsed.

The European who was alleged to have slapped the man at Blake Pier was released following the post-mortem which proved that deceased succumbed to natural causes.

The two Chinese students, in their report, alleged that apparently the Chinese detective mistook the deceased to be a robber, since he was being pursued by the European. The detective struck him when he caught up with him in Pedder Street.

The Police stated this morning that an inquest will be held soon. The post-mortem revealed that the man died of beri-beri and heart disease.



Dieting Dot says when she sits down to a well-set table her eating habits go by the board.

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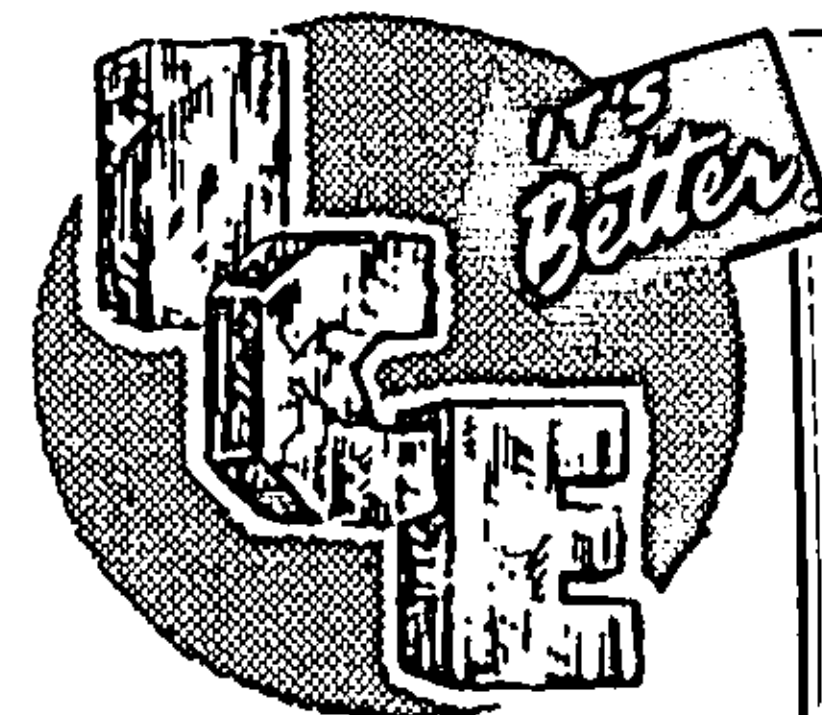
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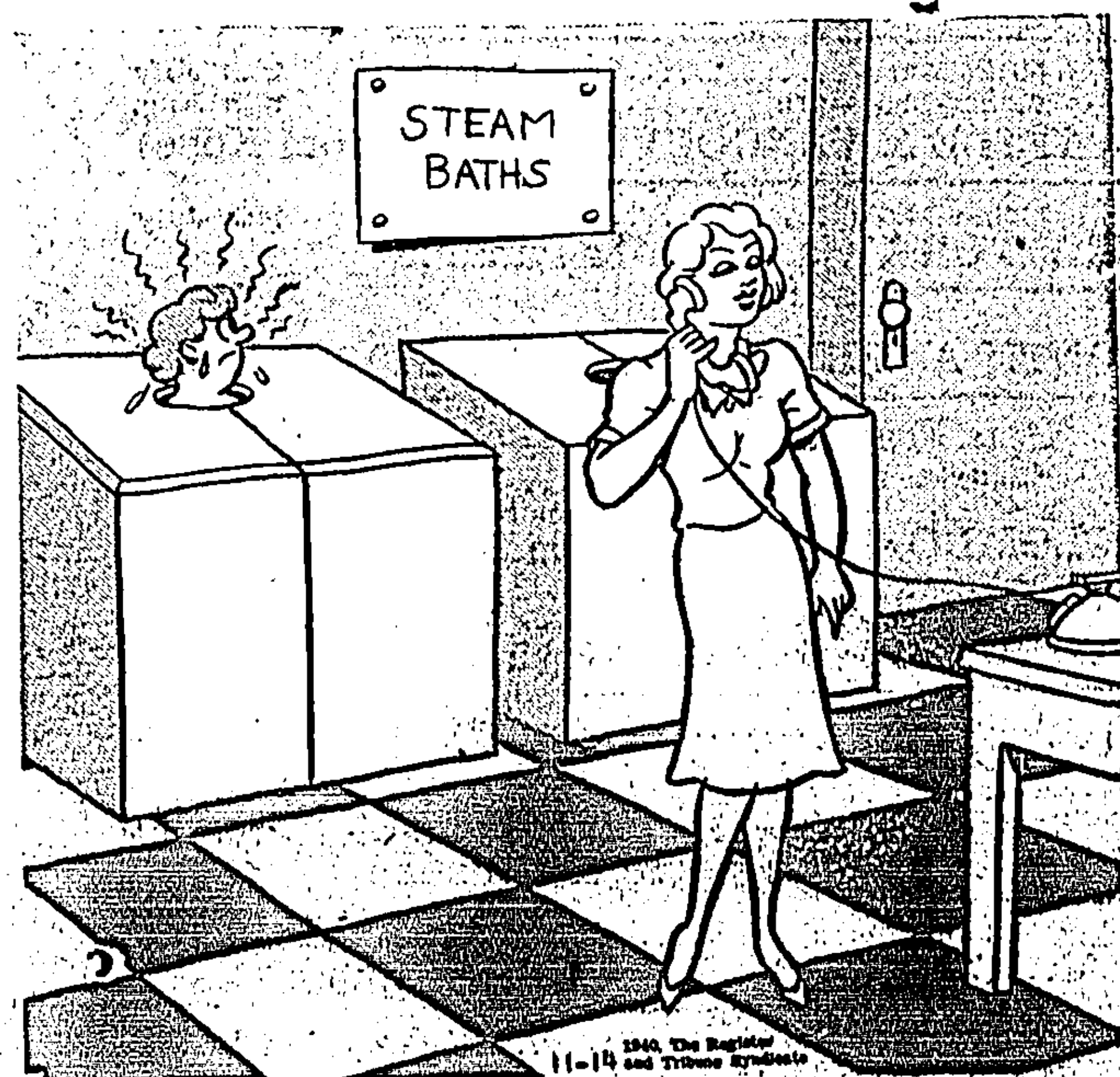
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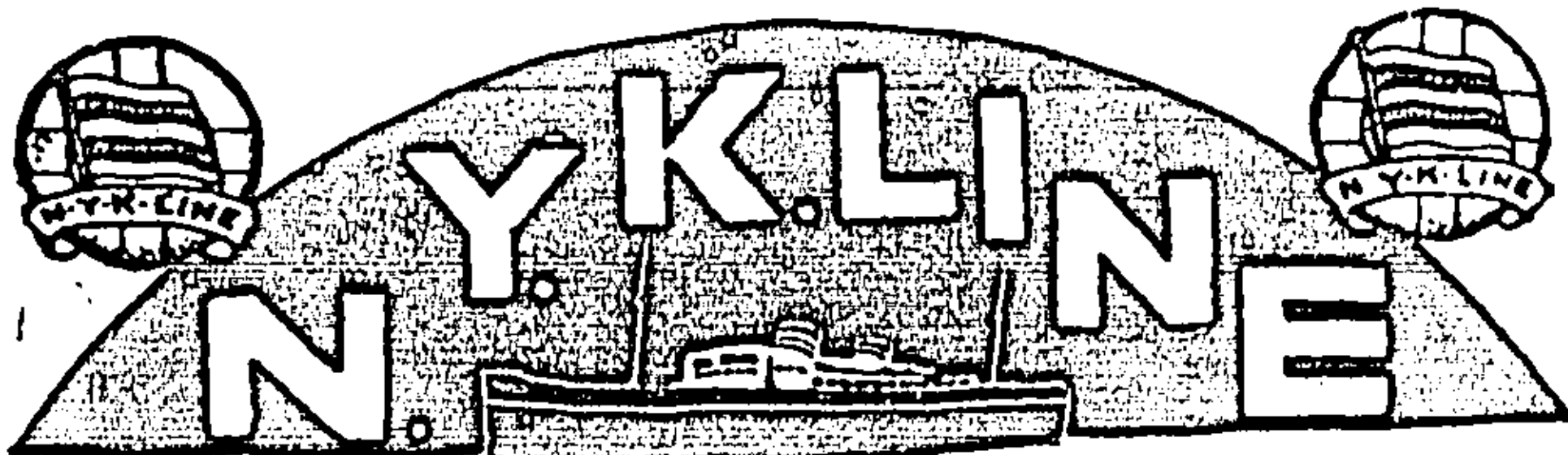
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6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—I Hear Bluebirds; Quickstep—Rumpel-Stillts-Kin ... Arthur Young & Hatchett's Swingtette.

Fox-Trots—Castle of Dreams; You've Got Me Out On a Limb (both from 'Irene') ... The Casa Loma Orch.

Conga—Nueva Conga; Rumba—Rumba Rumbero ... Xavier Cugat & his Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Follow Your Shadow; You're Breaking My Heart All Over Again ... The New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

Quickstep—My Kind of Music (from 'Top of the World'); Rhumba—Lew Stone & his Band.

Fox-Trots—I Bought A Wooden Whistle; Devil May Care ... Jimmy Dorsey & his Orchestra.

Waltz—If Tears Could Bring You Back; Fox-Trot—I'll Never Make the Same Mistake Again ... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me.

7.30 p.m.—Film Selections.
 'The Girl of the Golden West'—Sun-up to Sundown (Kahn-Romberg) ... Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orch.

'Manhattan Music Box'—Selection: 'Love and Hises'—Selection: Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and his Boy Friends.

'Paradise for Two'—Kiss Me Good-night, In a Paradise for Two (Vocal) with Orchestra ... Patricia Ellis.

'King Revel'—Selection ... Felix Mendelssohn & his Orchestra.

'Mayfair Melody'—Without the Moon: San Diego Betty ... Keith Falkner (Baritone) with Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—'Listening Post' Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Charlie Kunz (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ). The Whistler And His Dog (Pryor) Robinson Cleaver.

Kunz Revivals, No. 20—Intro: You Are My Lucky Star; I've Got a Feeling You're Fooling; She's Funny That Way; Did You Ever Have a Feeling You're Flying; A Little Dash of Dublin; Everything's In Rhythm with My Heart ... Charlie Kunz.

Canadian Capers (White & others); Czardas (Monti) ... Robinson Cleaver.

Charlie Kunz, Piano Medley, No. D. 43—Intro: Goodnight Again; When The Blackbird Says Bve Bve; Ferryboat Serenade; Trade Winds; Our Love Affair; Maybe ... Charlie Kunz with Rhythm Accomp.

Medley—Intro: Ca C'est Paris; Harbour Lights; Massed Bands of the Guards; Boo-Hoo; Little Old Lady of Poverty Street; Red, White and Blue ... Robinson Cleaver.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

9.02 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections. Love's Dream After The Ball (Czibulka) ... Mandoline Orchestra.

Czardas (Grossmann, arr. Kotelly). Voices of Spring (J. Strauss). Ferdie Kauffman & his Orchestra.

9.15 p.m.—London—'Allied Occasions'. International All Star Cabaret.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—Brahms—Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op. 98.

1st Movement: Allegro non troppo; 2nd Movement: Andante; 3rd Movement: Allegro giocoso; 4th Movement: Allegro energico e passionato.

The Saxon State Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

There were two notable failures in the first match play round of the American Professional Golfers Association championship at Denver, Colorado, yesterday. Paul Runyan, twice holder of the title, lost to Horton Smith on the last green, where he was stymied, and Henry Picard, champion in 1939, lost to Phil Greenwald, of Wisconsin, 4 and 3. Byron Nelson, defending champion and Craig Wood, new American champion, won comfortably, but Sam Snead, twice runner-up, had to play five extra holes before beating Early Martin, of California, at the 23rd.—Reuter.

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CHAMPIONS CRACK UP AFTER SEVEN HEADS AND LOSE BY 27

Jackie Noronha Responsible For Seven Against Omar

RAKUSEN'S UNCANNY DRAWING

By "Skip"

ALTHOUGH MOST LAWN BOWLEERS GAVE UP HOPE OF A GAME WHEN THE SKIES BECAME VERY BLACK JUST ABOUT STARTING TIME LAST SATURDAY, I HEARD OF ONE PLAYER WHO WON A BET THAT THE GAME WOULD BE PLAYED. HE WAS RIGHT, OF COURSE, BUT HIS PLEASURE IN WINNING THE BET WAS NO MORE THAN THAT OF THE OTHER 311 PLAYERS WHO GOT THEIR GAME WHEN THERE SEEMED SO LITTLE HOPE.

According to my forecast in last Saturday's "China Mail," there were no upsets in the First or Third Divisions, but I found rather indigestible, the tin hat which I promised to eat if Kowloon Football Club did not beat their Hong Kong friends! Prison Officers also upset my calculations in this division by severely trouncing Craigengower. In First Division Craigengower did themselves a little bit of all right, so to speak, by their 100 per cent. victory over Club de Recreio "A" their margin of 27 shots being very convincing.

Police, for whom Shepherd lost for the first time this season, nearly came a cropper against Indians, but the other wins in this division were pretty definite.

Hong Kong Cricket Club and Kowloon Tong won as anticipated in Second Division, whilst there were a couple of sweep-winning victories in Third Division, Kowloon Bowling Green Club having the biggest win of the day and Kowloon Football Club the next best, their opposite numbers from the Valley being their victims. Craigengower's victory over the champions was certainly an unexpectedly big one, especially in view of the fact that the ultimate losers held their own for fully a third of the game. But then a decided set in: Luz, who had blanked Charlie Rossettel whilst he was scoring nine in the first four or five heads, could not score again until his adversary had added no less than a couple of dozen shots, including a count of 6. The home four, once they got into this raking stride, were out-bowling their opponents' men for man. Gaddi, a comparative newcomer to the team, added his quota in this revival, I am told: he is playing very well.

Bradbury And Coates Responsible For Win

BRADBURY and C. G. Silva had a close game most the way until a nap hand gave the homester a definite ascendancy which he retained. A couple of Joes in Leonard and Luz had a great game as leads here, and the home man had a slight edge, but it was Alf Coates and Bradbury himself who made victory possible.

In spite of a count of seven, "Spuggy" could make no impression on Omar, but it must be said that the big count came when all was over bar the shouting, for he was trailing, 26/11 with only a couple of heads to go!

The big score was made possible by a brilliant shot from Jackie Noronha, third man to Silva, for he picked out the enemy's nearest wood—probably the first shot—to lay 6. The visiting skip added one and Omar was a shade narrow in his efforts to save. Had he trailed the kitty, a useful score would have gone to his side instead of the opposition, I am told.

Here again the two leads were excellent, BUT K. M. OMAR OUTSHONE ALL THE OTHER SEVEN MEN ON VIEW. Dick Bassa can rarely have played such a poor game.

Scots and English-North-East-Coasters often get heated over controversies, each claiming their part of the world as the home of soccer. It is interesting to note, however, that Notts County is the oldest League Football Club in the world.

KOWLOON Cricket Club came back to winning form at the expense of the Civil Servants, only "Arthur" Rakusen winning for the visitors. I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASISE RAKUSEN AS IT WAS HE ALONE WHO GAINED THE VICTORY. HIS GAME WAS ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT EXHIBITIONS OF SKIPPING SEEN ON THE COX'S ROAD GREEN. On only two heads did he fail, and these resulted in his losing a brace of fours.

He played only one heavy wood all afternoon, the rest of his game being simply and solely a drawing one, and how he drew through ports, only as big as the eye of a needle—so to speak—was uncanny!

For Madar-Bert's Guest had a slight advantage over McKay as lead, whilst Parsons was far better than his opponent Both Mulcahy and Ebbage were patchy—brilliant at times—but Tommy Madar, as my previous remarks will convey, could make no impression on Rakusen.

Teddy Fincher had an excellent lead in Perry and this early advantage plus his own success, especially with pound-on shots, enabled him to get the better of Simmonds by 10 shots. The latter did not have very much support, except from Elliott Purvis, but he was useful for only about half the game.

Greig Makes Welcome Return As Skip

KOWLOON Dock were never in the running against their old friends Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Adam Holland's re-arranged rink playing havoc with Ferguson's right from the start to ease the minds of the other two rinks, who were not having matters all their own way. Malcolm Ferguson, in spite of his big defeat—he was 2/4 to the bad at one time—played a very good game, but the odds were too heavy and an ultimate loss by 16 was a just reflection of the run of the game.

The two leads on the second rink, Phillips and Thom, were fairly evenly matched with the home one having a slight edge, but Levett was the mainstay of his rink, ably abetted by McKelvie, his skip. There was only one in it at the 12th head, but the Austin Road four forced ahead then.

Willie Greig, who has not played League bowls for some time—possibly a couple of seasons—made his debut as skip against Alf Hall, for whom Bob Duncan appeared as No. 3 for the first time. The dominant skip had the best result in losing by only 7 shots against a strong combination. The first two Dock men, McMaster and Madie, were beaten; Lockhart and White and they gave Duncan and Hall plenty of opportunities to shine.

Dallah Might Have Saved Match

A Happy Valley, Police pulled off a very narrow win against Indians, Shepherd's 3 at the last head meaning

BOWLS SWEEP

Following is the Lawn Bowls Sweep draw for to-morrow's League games:

FIRST DIVISION	
Recreio "A" (106)	v K.C.C. (117)
K.D.R.C. (441)	v C.C.C. (256)
C.S.C.C. (355)	v P.R.C. (494)
I.R.C. (373)	v Recreio "B" (562)
K.B.G.C. "B" (541)	v K.B.G.C. "A" (50)
SECOND DIVISION	
Recreio (303)	v K.T.G.C.A. (128)
K.C.C. (426)	v P.O.C. (235)
C.C.C. (39)	v H.K.F.C. (238)
K.F.C. (503)	v Talkoo (159)
BYE:—H.K.C.C. (472).	
THIRD DIVISION	
C.C.C. (419)	v K.F.C. (30)
H.K.F.C. (454)	v I.R.C. (516)
P.R.C. (518)	v Recreio (228)
H.K.C.C. (52)	v H.K.E.R.C. (146)
BYE:—K.B.G.C. (496).	

a win by one more. This hitherto unbeaten skip lost to Dallah by 9 shots and the conqueror was well worthy of his success. He played such a remarkably good game throughout that it is almost unkind to mention that had he been "up amongst 'em" with his last wood he might have saved the game. But he wasn't very short anyway. The south-pawed Khan came into his game after a rather lean season, and his work at lead, against so steady a player as McLeod, helped Dallah considerably. Harris was again good for Shepherd but Dallah has gone off the last couple of games and was not so good. Shepherd was.

Ted Post and Forrest made possible Jack Fender's win against Abbas, who was well supported by his right-hand man, A. M. Runjahn. Fender was erratic whilst Orem has not found his touch—or is it his land legs—yet. Mair and Minu were evenly matched until the last half-dozen heads, on all of which, except a dead one, the home skip scored to give him victory by 7 shots.

Peckham Makes Good With Aid Of Sykes

GUY'S rink could do little right over at King's Park with the result that the other two rinks never had much chance of making a game of it. Peckham who was up against Charlie Silva in accordance with my wishful thinking, made good. In fact he and Len Sykes excelled themselves, and this rink had the only visiting win. Johnny Remedios played his usual good game as third man to Silva, but the latter somehow did not seem too happy as skip.

"Doc" Tony Guterres and Meyer had a great fight with the former worthily winning by five shots. Two excellent leads in Xavier and Morton shared the honours as did Eddie Souza and A. Kins. In fact the same may be said of the other players with the qualification that the home skip's pound-on shots, which were excellent, turned the scales in his favour.

On one occasion, with the visitors counting three beauties, he came up like a ton of bricks, shifted all three and got three himself. Clever stuff. Little can be said about John Basto's win against Guy, except that man for man they were all over the opposition WITH LOPES, AS THIRD MAN, REALLY DEADLY.

FRASER'S BIG PART IN NISH'S 34-12 WIN

By "Skip"

MORE uncertainty! Nish and Rosario score at eighth head 13-12 to Nish after conceding a six. Final score 34-12 to Nish! Star turn in this exhibition—for that is what it became—was J. A. FRASER HIS LEAD. HE COULD NOT KEEP AWAY FROM THE JACK.

"Edgar"—inevitably—Wallis had another big win with Herbert Randall as his victim—and has won all his five matches to date.

In spite of a good lead's display by Roza, who covered himself with glory and his woods with chalk, Coelho lost to K. C. Hamilton by a few shots. There seemed a certain amount of reluctance to win on the part of both of these skips, for they spent most of their time in giving each other shots. There was a thrilling finish to the game between Indians and Police at Sookunpo, the former taking revenge for the defeat inflicted on their big brother, Wahab, erstwhile First Division player, was the hero of the match. His last wood snatching a couple of points for his side. It was his rink's win by 6 which carried the day, also.

KEN ROBERTSON'S RINK DISPLAY ALMOST INTERPORT STANDARD

By "Skip"

ONE HEARS A LOT OF THE UNCERTAINTIES OF CRICKET, BUT THE UNCERTAINTIES OF OUR GAME ARE NOT SO FAR BEHIND—WHICH LOOKS LIKE THE BASIS OF AN ARTICLE ONE OF THESE DAYS! BUT REALLY I AM LEADING UP TO KERN'S DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF KEN ROBERTSON'S RINK IN SECOND DIVISION ON SATURDAY.

This same rink of his, Naef, Eastman, and Downan startled the bowls word the previous week by scoring a "possible" at the very first head—and on Saturday they scored a total of 6 shots during the whole game.

And let me add right away that it was not Ernie Kern's fault that he lost; not by any means, for he played an excellent game throughout; but you blow against a typhoon. . . . This Hong Kong Football Club rink was absolutely deadly all the way down: Shaw, as lead, played a really inspiring game, Jan Pearce slipped one or two more in, as requested, and "Brooky" has not played better this season. Robertson, when he didn't block, was drawing beautifully to complete a rink that was playing almost Interport bowls.

Younghusband was skipping again, and he had a pretty useful win against Jake Selby, who was skipping for the first time in the League since his return from holiday. Young Tony Lapsley was in good trim as lead to the visiting skip and he had the measure of Coleman, who was substituting for Howell.

Vic Chittenden was the backbone of Simpson's rink which just managed to scrape home against Willie Macfarlane, by two shots.

Bagley Red-Hot

PERHAPS I should have given pride of place to the game at Stanley, where Prison Officers not only beat Craigengower but rubbed it in pretty severely. Bagley, who played with his other arm still in plaster, was red-hot against Bill Way's quartette and won by 20 which, just by way of over weight included—no puns intended—a four and a five at the last two heads. He had had similar counts earlier on in the game. McCutcheon also got a nap hand at the last head, Tommy Lock being his victim, but he won by only that margin, which gives an idea of the evenness of the game throughout. It was the three who shone in this game, both George Foster and Ernie Zimmerman playing excellently. It was touch and go on the other rink, too, only Gowland's scores at the last couple of heads enabling him to get the better of "Doc" Karanjia.

Brown Excels

A NICE sporting gesture on the part of a Portuguese player was the fact that he specially sent me a message asking me to pay tribute to a player in the opposite team, A. W. Brown, of Hong Kong Cricket Club, was the player he mentions, and I have pleasure in handing him the bouquet.

SOUTAR'S ACCURATE LENGTH

Only one lawn bowls match was played yesterday, this being a Colony Pairs Championship match in which W. H. E. Colledge and E. Kirman were beaten 23-15 by W. Harris and A. Soutar.

Colledge and his partner played well at the start but then Harris and Soutar got into their stride, particularly Soutar who found a very accurate length, and they turned the scores from 3-9 against them at the 9th to 13-11 in their favour at the 13th after scoring 10 shots at 3 ends, including a 6 at the 13th. From this point onwards they could not do wrong and after giving away a single went off again to register another 9 at the next 4 ends.

Scores were as follows:—
Harris & Soutar 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 3 1
0 0 3 1 3 2 0 0 1
Colledge & Kirman 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 3 0 2
0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 1 0

Rinks Match

At Kowloon Football Club yesterday, L. J. Silva, A. M. Rodrigues, F. V. V. Ribeiro and H. A. Alves defeated J. V. Ramsay, T. Coleman, M. Ferguson and R. Morrison by 22-21 in the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship. The game was very evenly contested and excitement ran high at the last head when, 17-22 down, Morrison scored a four.

I understand he played an outstanding game and that he and R. R. Davies, his lead, were mainly responsible for the rink's big win against O. P. Remedios. They were a dozen up, but Frank Goodwin was down by an almost similar number to "Corney" Pereira, in spite of his own fine play. The visitors got away to a flying start here and never looked back, Costello always had a slight edge on Marcus Carvalho and won by five shots—a just result.

Phoon, Outstanding

THERE was never very much in it between Kowloon Tong and Kowloon Cricket Club on the suburban club's green, but the home team stayed the distance better, a six to Stephens at the 16th head making a vital difference to his rink and the match. The team were five down at that stage—he being four of them—but he actually finished up with the biggest win. Norman Mackay could not hold Tribble for the first few heads, but thereafter he was nearly always having the better of him.

I had nothing about the game between Kew and Carr, which the former won by four shots, but I hear that the Spary v. Meadows battle was a good one with a new player in Phoon playing an outstanding game as second man to Spary. Gray was beating Harry Gittins, the home lead, but Phoon usually levelled matters. Meadows' pound-on shots were dangerous, and he secured a useful second shot at the last to win by one, by this method. At the previous head Spary had a great chance of pulling the game out of the fire, but I am told he appeared to play the wrong hand, leaving the other one open for his opponent, who did not let the opportunity pass.

NEW ST. LEGER ACCEPTANCES

The new St. Leger will be run at Manchester on September 6, over a distance of 1 mile 6 furlongs. First acceptances for the event are:—Ranger, Single Court, St. Blazey, Royal Academy, Bura, Cuertley, Mazarin, Devonian, Dancing Time, Solim Hassan, Liontor, Sollum, Veldavinn, Sempronia, Starwort, Firoze Din, Babsanib, Owen Tudor, Fettes, Thoroughfare, Chateau La Rose, Clean Sweep, Pincchio, Bakhtavar, Martin Griffin, Sun Castle, Orthodox, Nobriety, Turkana, Ptolemy, Felous, Portulan, Royalist, Camperdown, Nordriza, Lambert Simnel, Thistle Brig.—Reuter.

DEAKIN TO SKIP AGAIN FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

CRAIGENGOWER, SENIOR LEAGUE LEADERS, ARE MAKING NO CHANGES IN THEIR TEAM FOR THEIR MATCH AGAINST KOWLOON DOCKS, AT HUNG HOM, TOMORROW, BUT IN SECOND DIVISION, A NUMBER OF CHANGES ARE NOTED.

Baptista, lead for Karanjia last week, will play No. 2 to Way in place of Lammert to mark the only change in that rink. In Lock's four, Solina and Ladd, Nos. 1 and 2 respectively last week, will exchange positions, and in Karanjia's quartette the places at Nos. 1 and 2, held by Baptista and Mudi respectively last week, will be taken by two Third Division players—Roza, No. 1 to Coelho last week, and Lam, who was Randall's No. 3 last Saturday. The Third Division team is not yet completed for A. N. Other is down as No. 2 to Randall in place of Pavri, who goes lead in order to release Delgado for duties as No. 3 to Randall. The place of the promoted Roza, No. 1 to Coelho, will be taken by Pau, while La Suwing will play No. 2 in Roza's rink vice Curd, who is an absentee. Mudi, No. 2 to Karanjia in Second Division last week, will be No. 3 to Roza, instead of Kitchell, to complete the team.

C.S.C.C. Changes

While Rakusen's First Division Civil Service rink remains the same as it was last week, there are several changes in the other two rinks. Carl and Burling, Nos. 2 and 3 respectively for McGowan, will be replaced by Colledge and Purvis. The latter was No. 3 to Simmonds last Saturday. Simmonds' place as skip in the third rink will be taken over by the recently returned Deakin, to whom Simmonds will play No. 3. Gellatly will be lead and Carl No. 2.

Kern's Reshuffle

Kern, Kowloon F.C. Second Division skip, is experimenting this week with a complete reshuffle in his rink. Last week the front men were Naef, Eastman and Downman, but to-morrow the order will be Downman, Naef and Eastman.

Younghusband's rink remains unaltered, but in Simpson's four Evans comes into the side as lead in place of Woodcock, who goes down to Third Division, as No. 2 to Ogden in place of A. Thompson to mark the only change in that team.

No changes have been made in the Kowloon Tong rinks.

No. 2's Switched

Prison Officers are introducing a few switch-overs in their team.

Grindley comes into Bagley's four as No. 2 to replace Hodge, who will be No. 3 to Gowland. Perry, No. 2 to Gowland last Saturday, will be in the same position for McCutcheon instead of Hudson, who goes to the same position in Gowland's four.

Gowland, who had McGrath, Perry and Marvin as his front men, will lead a rink this time comprising Webber, Hudson and Hodge.

Two of the Kowloon Docks rinks remain intact this week but in Calman's four some changes have been effected. Ramsay, who was No. 3 last week, will be lead in place of Thom, who goes

down to No. 2 to replace Logan, an absentee this week. Ramsay's place at No. 3 will be taken by Calman.

Selected Teams

CIVIL SERVICE

First Division (v. Police R.C., home):—J. Gellatly, J. R. Carr, E. W. Simmonds, J. W. Deakin (skip), H. McKay, A. F. Shephard, V. S. Ebbage, M. N. Rakusen (skip), P. D. Crawley, W. H. E. Colledge, M. E. Purvis, J. F. McGowan (skip). Reserve: T. Seddon.

PRISON OFFICERS

Second Division (v. Kowloon C.C., away):—A. W. Hircock, R. J. V. Grindley, J. W. Fitzgerald, W. J. Bagley (skip), W. E. Webber, J. W. Hudson, S. Hodge, C. Gowland (skip), V. H. Freeman, A. H. Perry, G. E. Foster, J. McCutcheon (skip). Reserve: J. Jamieson.

KOWLOON TONG

Second Division (v. Recreation, away):—H. A. Castro, A. Madar, A. E. Castro, A. J. Kew (skip), N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong, J. L. Stephens (skip), H. Gittins, M. S. Phoon, W. J. Howard, A. Spary (skip). Friendly (1 rink v. K.C.C., Reserves, away):—T. C. Young, P. Lo, R. E. Lee, J. Tang (skip).

KOWLOON F.C.

Second Division (v. Taikoo, home):—B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden, W. C. Simpson (skip), A. Lapsley, W. C. Ogley, V. N. Atienza, P. Younghusband (skip), C. Downman, W. Naef, A. E. Eastman, E. Kern (skip). Third Division (v. Craigengower C.C., away):—B. Thomson, S. C. Wong, C. H. Fuller, T. Ferguson (skip), B. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas, J. T. Smalley (skip), G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. MacIntyre, R. M. Ogden (skip).

CRAIGENGOWER

First Division (v. Kowloon Docks R.C., away):—J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates, B. W. Bradbury (skip), A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa, U. M. Omar (skip), A. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt, C. S. Rossetti (skip).

Second Division (v. H.K.F.C., home):—G. S. Ladd, S. R. Solina, E. Zimmerman, T. Lock (skip), J. H. Xavier, M. A. Baptista, M. J. Medina, W. K. Way (skip), L. M. Roza, C. W. Lam, W. Ward, N. P. Karanjia (skip).

Third Division (v. K.F.C., home):—R. K. Pavri, A. N. Other, F. X. Delgado, H. W. Randall (skip), J. Pau, A. E. S. Alves, E. S. Franks, A. J. Coelho (skip), W. E. Broadbridge, L. Suwing, F. K. Modi, D. A. Rosario (skip).

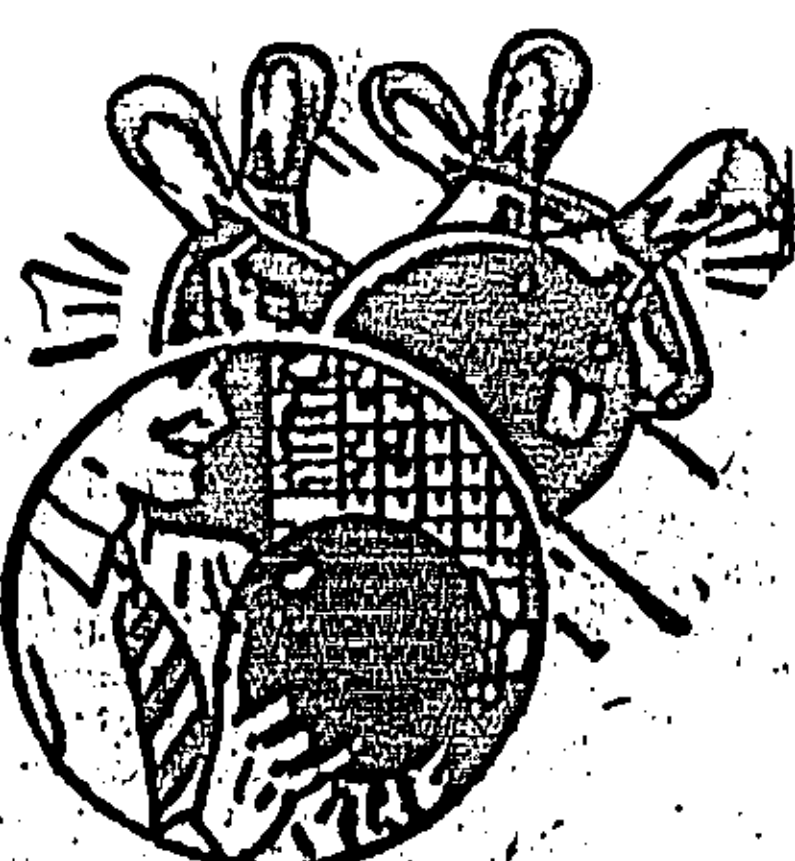
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First Division (v. Craigengower C.C., home):—J. V. Ramsay, C. S. M. Thom, A. Calman and R. Morrison (skip). R. H. A. Lapsley, J. Revie, T. Coleman and M. Ferguson (skip). W. McMaster, W. C. K. Mackie, W. Houston and W. Greig (skip).

FERRIER TURNS PROFESSIONAL

Jim Ferrier, formerly of Shanghai, is the latest famous amateur to go over to the professional ranks. He is one of the most consistent golfers of all time and he is regarded in some quarters as the best golfer ever produced in Australia.

His change of status has taken place in the United States, where he has become attached to the Elmhurst Country Club, owned by Fred B. Snite, father of Fred Snite, of "Iron Lung" fame. Ferrier went to America in the Spring of 1940 and was then Open and Amateur champion of Australia for he won the two titles both in 1938 and 1939 since when they have been in abeyance. — Reuter.

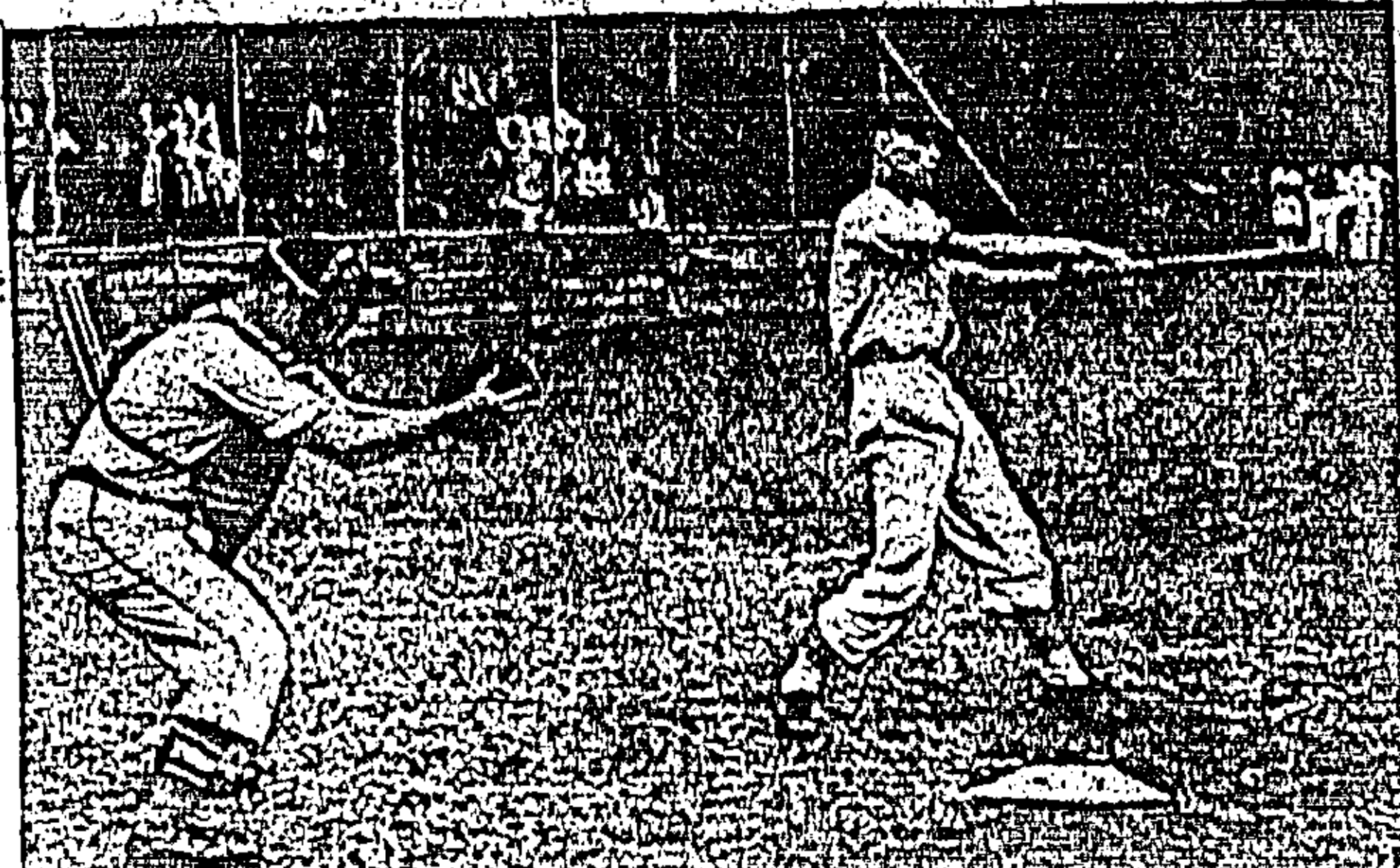


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Cpl. Shaw, Royal Engineers, at bat in the game on Saturday against Hong Kong Baseball Club, which Sappers won by 16 runs to 9 to create the first big upset of the Baseball League season. "Pinky" Higgins is the Mohawk catcher.

CRAIGENGOWER CONTINUE IN WINNING VEIN

CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB FURTHER ENHANCED THEIR CHANCES FOR FOURTH DIVISION TENNIS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP HONOURS WITH AN EASY WIN OVER FILIPINO CLUB BY 7 SETS TO 2 AT THE VALLEY.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Filipino Club by 7 sets to 2. Scores:—K. M. Au and C. M. Lee (C.C.C.)—beat B. Poon and P. Poon 6-1, beat F. Gonzalez and T. Kow 7-5, beat K. K. Ip and L. F. Souza 6-4, Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C.C.C.)—lost to Poon and Poon 3-6, beat Gonzalez and Koo 6-4, beat Ip and Souza 6-3, M. C. Hung and P. C. Yu (C.C.C.)—lost to Poon and Poon 3-6, beat Gonzalez and Koo 6-1, beat Ip and Souza 6-2.

Indians' Narrow Win

At Sookunpoo, Indian Recreation Club beat Central British Association by 5 sets to 4. Scores:—M. H. Hassan and G. Singh (I.R.C.)—beat B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert 6-3, beat N. Whitley and D. T. Smith 6-3, beat D. Tomashsky and V. C. Bond 6-4, M. S. Hussain and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)—beat Bickford and Gaubert 6-4, lost to Whitley and Smith 1-6, beat Tomashsky and Bond 6-2, A. J. Suffad and U. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)—lost to Bickford and Gaubert 5-7, lost to Whitley and Smith 1-6, lost to Tomashsky and Bond 1-6.

C.R.C.'s Big Win

Chinese Recreation Club beat Post Office Recreation Club (1) by 8 sets to 1. Scores:—K. M. Wong and Alfred Lui (C.R.C.)—beat H. Howlett and W. Morrison 6-0, beat D. Fitches and Y. F. Fung 6-2, lost to S. S. Chin and F. K. Chin 4-6, C. M. Tsang and C. F. Choy (C.R.C.)—beat Howlett and Morrison 7-5, beat Fitches and Fung 6-3, beat Chin and Chin 6-1, Chan Yin and Y. K. Chung (C.R.C.)—beat Howlett and Morrison 6-3, beat Fitches and Fung 6-2, beat Chin and Chin 6-1.

A.T.C. Win Easily

At King's Park, Army Tennis Club beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by 5½ sets to 3½. Scores:—K. S. Mehali and Y. J. Khan (K.I.T.C.)—drew with S/Sgt. Ford and L/Cpl. Stoner, lost to L/Cpl. Glasgow and Spr. Elsley 5-7, beat S/Sgt. Mitchell and Sgt. Musson 6-2, Jahan Dad and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.)—beat Ford and Stoner 6-2, beat Glasgow and Elsley 6-4, lost to Mitchell and Musson 2-6, U. H. Esmail and K. Singh (K.I.T.C.)—lost to Ford and Stoner 4-6, lost to Glasgow and Elsley 2-6, lost to Mitchell and Musson 3-6.

Match Postponed

The match between Post Office Recreation Club (2) and Jewish Recreation Club was postponed owing to unfitness of their ground.

Table To Date

	Sets	P.W.L.D.F.A.Pts.
S.C.A.A.	6 0 0 0 48/2	7 1/2
C.C.C.	6 0 0 0 38	7 1/2
F.R.C.	5 4 1 0 34	11 8
F.C.	0 4 2 0 30 1/2	20 1/2
C.B.A.	5 2 3 0 20 1/2	20 1/2
A.T.C.	5 2 3 0 23	22 1/2
I.R.C.	5 2 3 0 19 1/2	20 1/2
P.O.R.C. (1)	6 2 4 0 16	38 4
P.O.R.C. (2)	4 1 3 0 12	24 2
J.R.C.	4 0 4 0 6	27 0
K.I.T.C.	5 0 6 0 6	39 0

Whose idea was it for football referees to use whistles? Prior to 1878 small flags were used by referees for signalling purposes but for a match on the Nottingham Forest ground a suitable flag could not be found. Abandoning the search, an official of the Club had a brain wave. He produced a whistle and thereby started a then "revolution" in signalling and control of matches.

V.R.C. GALA IS ON

The "China Mail" has been requested by Mr. L. Roza-Pereira, Hon. Secretary of Victoria Recreation Club, to deny rumours to the effect that the V.R.C.-Lai Tsun swimming gala, scheduled for to-morrow night, has been postponed.

Grounds for the rumours, he said, were that Wilfred Lawrence, L. A. Benn, D. H. Taylor and L. M. Remedios have found that they will not be able to participate.

Mr. Roza-Pereira explained that Lawrence, on Thursday, was advised by his doctor to have a rest as the result of too strenuous training. Benn is unfit, Taylor has decided not to swim owing to lack of training and Remedios will be engaged on Volunteer duties.

The new line-up for V.R.C. will therefore be as follows:—

- 220 Yards breast-stroke: J. Marques, A. Alves.
- 100 Yards free-style: C. Huang, L. Roza-Pereira.
- 100 Yards back-stroke: A. K. Rumjahn, T. Lopes.
- 440 Yards free-style: C. Huang, C. Silva-Netto.
- 150 Yards Medley Relay: A. K. Rumjahn (back), J. Marques (breast), C. Huang (free).
- 800 Yards free-style relay: C. Huang, L. Roza-Pereira, C. Silva-Netto, A. K. Rumjahn.

LEW CARSON LEAVING SHAI

Due to the impending departure from Shanghai, on leave, of Lew Carson, that city's tennis champion, Shanghai Lawn Tennis Association are attempting to speed up the Mixed Doubles Championship Final, in which Carson and Miss Holwill will meet winners of the Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Collaco—J. G. Forbes and Mrs. Cate semi-final.

Carson is Shanghai's outstanding all-round athlete, playing squash, golf, softball, basketball, etc. Since his return in 1933 he reigned as Shanghai tennis champion, sweeping all opposition before him. He was Singles champion from 1933-40, winner of the Rotary and Roper trophies, with his partner, C. C. Squires, and winner of the Mixed Doubles event on several occasions.

With his departure the Singles Tennis Championship this season will be an open affair. Several Japanese players will be in the tournament as well as old reliables such as Squires, Collaco, Stokes, H. K. F. Li and Benavitch.



HEIL HAWKINS!

"Heil Hawkins! Well met. How nice to see your honest countenance once more."

"Welcome home, Mr. Gerald. May I venture to observe that you appear remarkably bronzed and fit? And to what, Mr. Gerald, do we owe this modicum of unexpected leave?"

"To the fact, Hawkins, that I have been promoted. I have my stripe. The man who stands before you is a real live Acting Lance-Corporal (unpaid)."

"I congratulate you warmly, Mr. Gerald. Doubtless you purposed to celebrate the occasion in the appropriate manner."

"I do, Hawkins, and in a big way. Turn out the cellar while I go to the phone and beat up a few of the lads. Let there be enough festivity to float a battleship."

"Very good, Mr. Gerald."

"And Hawkins, see that there's plenty of Rose's Lime Juice. Can't risk hangovers in wartime, you know. Rose's for Glimlets, and to wind up the evening. Attention to detail, Hawkins—that's what makes the good soldier."

"So I discovered, Mr. Gerald, when they made me Quartermaster-Sergeant in the latter half of 1917."

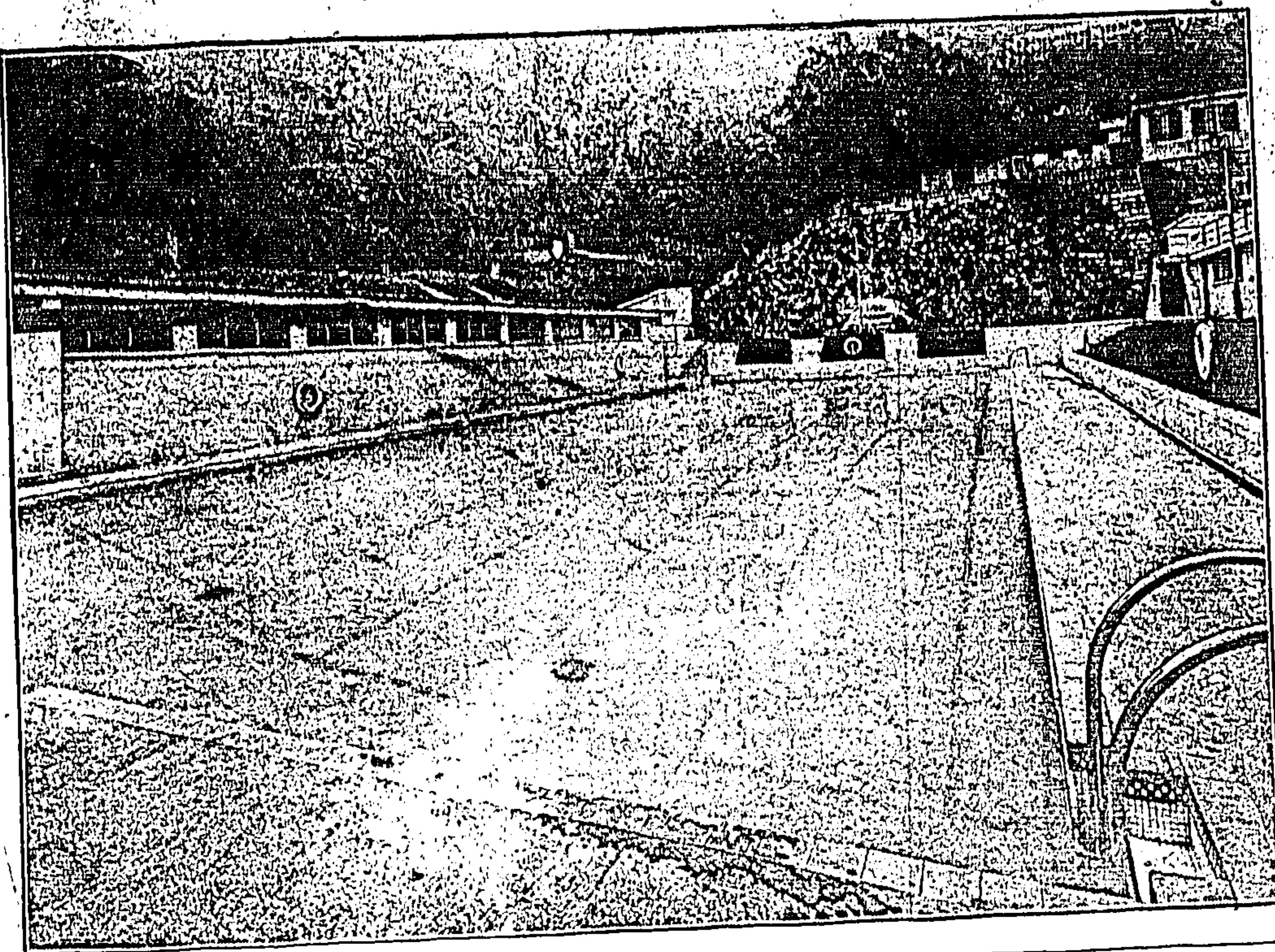
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The Army Swimming Pool in the grounds of Victoria Barracks, scene of to-morrow's gala between Auxiliary Nursing Service and Nursing Section, H.K.V.D.C. in aid of the Bomber Fund. During the attractive programme, which opens at 9 p.m., the band of the Royal Scots, by kind permission, will play selections.

BRENTFORD CAPTAIN SEVERELY CENSURED

AT A FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION EMERGENCY MEETING RECENTLY, J. JAMES, CAPTAIN OF BRENTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB, WAS SEVERELY CENSURED FOR LACK OF DUTY IN NOT INSISTING UPON HIS PLAYERS ACCEPTING THE DECISION OF THE REFEREE TO CONTINUE PLAY.

POOR SUPPORT FROM SCHOOLS TO V.R.C. PLAN

The meeting called by Victoria Recreation Club for representatives of the different schools intending to participate in the forthcoming swimming gala open to boys and girls of the Colony's schools, held at the Clubhouse last evening, did not receive a very encouraging response, the only representatives attending being those from Diocesan Boys' School and St. Joseph's College.

In spite of this, however, details for the meeting were discussed, Mr. Lionel Roza-Ferreira, Hon. Secretary of the Club, presiding.

It was decided that the date for the gala be August 23, with the first event on the programme timed to start at 7 p.m. Heats will be held on August 18 and 19, but the Committee has reserved the right to cancel any event for which insufficient entries have been received. Entries close on July 31, and these should be forwarded to V.R.C. Pennants, presented by the club, will be awarded to the winners of the different events and no individual competitor will be allowed to take part in more than two events on the programme excluding the diving and relay races.

Competitors entering for the Junior events will have to be under 15 years of age and must not be taller than 5 ft. 1 in. They will be officially measured at the club prior to the heats. An entrance fee of 30 cents will be charged on the day of the finals and it was decided to hold a further meeting on August 5 in order to discuss any matter that may crop up between now and that date.

TO-NIGHT'S GALA

The Government Inter-Departmental swimming gala will be held at European "Y" this evening commencing at 9 p.m., when a very interesting programme will be carried out, including a water-polo match between the "Y" and Government, and a 25 Yards Night Shirt and Candle Race for Taipans. Following the swimming a dance will be held in the West Lounge, when music will be provided by the Hong Kong Hotel orchestra. Admission is by ticket, at \$1.50 each, proceeds being in aid of the Bomber Fund.

Eddie Marques, former Colony breast-stroke swimming champion, has quite a few pupils under his wing at Victoria Recreation Club, including a number of the club's lady novices. He is putting them through their paces by teaching them the correct method of kicking, and for this purpose makes them "paddle" up and down the bath with boards specially made for "kicking lessons."

SHANGHAI SWIMMING LOSS

Shanghai's "Three Musketeers" will not be swimming this year as Toby Gavriloff is now in Australia, while Archie Logan and Lou Oliveira have decided to retire.

OFFICERS WIN OVER OTHER RANKS

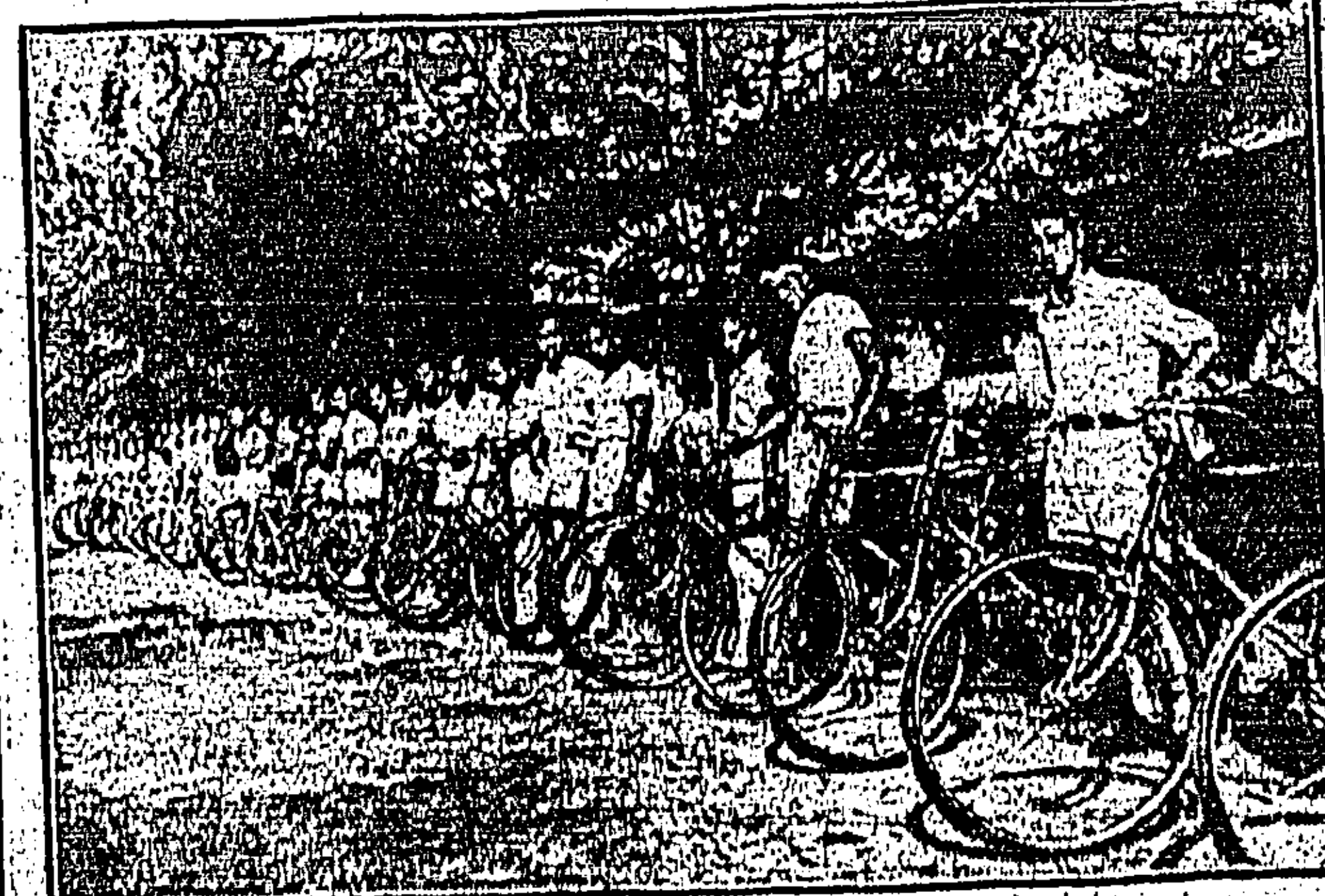
The very keen friendly rivalry that was so evident at the Royal Scots "Inter-Mess" swimming gala at the Army pool last evening made the event an exceedingly enjoyable affair when Officers, thanks mainly to Capt. Dunlop and Lieuts. Millar and Hunter, finished well ahead of the other ranks.

Members of Victoria Recreation Club added to the evening's enjoyment when some of their leading swimmers gave an exhibition in a medley race. Results were as follows:

Eight Lengths Relay:—1. Officers; 2. Privates; 3. Corporals; 4. Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Time: 3 0 2/5. Novelty Race:—1. Privates; 2. Warrant Officers and Sergeants; 3. Corporals; 4. Officers. Time: 2 41. Six Lengths Medley Relay:—1. Privates; 2. Officers; 3. Warrant Officers and Sergeants; 4. Corporals. Time: 2 43 4/5.

100 Yards:—1. Corporals; 2. Officers; 3. Privates; 4. Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Time: 1 15 2/5. Novelty Race:—1. Warrant Officers and Sergeants; 2. Officers; 3. Corporals; 4. Privates. Time: 23 4/5. Medley Relay:—1. Corporals; 2. Officers; 3. Privates; 4. Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Time: 3 mins. 11 4/5 secs.

Water-Polo:—Officers 1 (Hunter) v. Corporals 1 (Morrison). Officers: Major S. White; Lieut. Hunter, Capt. Bennett; Lieut. Millar, Lieut. Pinkerton, Capt. Dunlop, Capt. Glasgow. Corporals: L/Cpl. Bankier; L/Cpl. Brown, L/Cpl. Morris; L/Cpl. Hunter, Cpl. Sutherland, L/Cpl. Emmerson, L/Cpl. Edge.



Just before the start of the 25-mile bicycle time-trial race at Teun Wan last Wednesday. A. Sandberg, of La Salle College, who won in 1 hr. 30 mins. 21 sec., is seen second from the right, with a band round his forehead. There were 39 starters, all of whom completed the course. (Mayfair Studio).

PONSFORD'S TRAGIC MISS IN TEST AT MELBOURNE: TRAP FAILS

H. L. "HORSESHOE" COLLINS, FORMER AUSTRALIAN TEST CAPTAIN, IS NOW WRITING HIS REMINISCENCES FOR THE "SYDNEY SUN," AND IN THE FIRST CHAPTER IS A REAL GEM OF A STORY:

On a sweltering day in January, 1924, the Australian Test team, of which I was captain, sat in our dressing-room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Australian cricket was maintaining its post-war peak at that time. We, however, still had one great problem—to break up England's opening partnership, Hobbs and Sutcliffe—and early.

Sutcliffe, from a ball on his body, had a beautiful swinging shot to the legside.

Trap Suggested

"What about it, Jack," I said to Jack Gregory, "if we try to trap him?" Jack Gregory was to be opening bowler. He pricked up his ears at any scheme which would save him perhaps hours of hard labour sending them down at the sickening brickwall bats of Hobbs and Sutcliffe.

So the team worked out a trap. It was this: Sutcliffe's shot used to send a lofted ball just behind the square-leg umpire. Gregory was to pitch the fourth ball of his first over on the short side. This would tempt Sutcliffe.

Ponsford's Part

Unseen by the batsman, Ponsford was to move from his usual place at fine leg to well out behind the square-leg umpire. To do this, he had to move about 50 yards.

And so we went out to field. The 50,000 or so people on the ground that day didn't suspect the thrill they were shortly to get.

Neither did we!

All To Plan - - -!

Gregory sent down the first three balls—uneventful. As he walked back to bowl that vital fourth, he took a quick look around.

Ponsford had quietly moved into position.

According to our plan, Gregory bowled the perfect ball. It was short, made-to-order for Sutcliffe. The batsman played the shot we expected.

The ball went soaring out to Ponsford, who didn't have to move a yard to make the catch.

I remember saying to myself, "Isn't this beautiful?"

PONSFORD GOT HIS HANDS TO THE BALL—AND DROPPED IT!

As Sutcliffe trotted up the pitch for the run, he said to me, "You won't catch me again that way, Bert."

After that let-off, Sutcliffe went on to bat for two days, I think he scored around 170. Ponsford spent the same two days apologising to Gregory and myself. All Gregory said was, "That's stiff luck."

Ponsford later told us that as the ball was coming at him, he remembered muttering to himself, "After all this planning, I mustn't miss this."

I have often thought since that it would have been better had Ponsford had to run to make that catch. He wouldn't have then had time to think.

JENNINGS IN THE LIMELIGHT

Securing a lead of almost two clear lengths in the 800 Yards Relay, Pte. Jennings stole the limelight in the Middlesex "A" Company swimming gala in the "Y" pool yesterday afternoon.

5th Platoon secured team honours with 16 points, followed by 6th Platoon with 12 and 4th Platoon with 8 points.

L/Cpl. Quickendon, Army champion, gave a polished exhibition of diving during the programme of eight events.

Following were the results:

200 Yards free-style Relay:—

1. 5th Platoon, 2. 6th Platoon, 3. 4th Platoon. Time: 2 min. 7 secs.

800 Yards Relay:—1. 5th Platoon (Burdge, Jennings, Ure, Waller), 2. 4th Platoon, 3. 6th Platoon. Time: 14 min. 15 secs.

Novelty Race:—1. Quickendon (6th Platoon) 2. O'Donnell (5th Platoon).

Plunging:—1. Willoughby (5th Platoon), 2. Newton (6th Platoon), 3. Fortescue (4th Platoon). Distance: 5 ft. 4 inches.

350 Yards Medley Relay:—1. 6th Platoon (Brown, Quickendon, Cohen, Goodair), 2. 5th Platoon, 3. 4th Platoon. No time taken.

150 Yards Medley Relay:—1. 5th Platoon, Ure (back), Jennings (breast), Fox (free), 2. 6th Platoon, 3. 4th Platoon. No time taken.

Draft Race (For new arrivals from England):—1. Barret, 2. Backhurst, 3. Waller. (No points counted for this event).

Inter-Mess Relay:—1. Privates, 2. Sergeants, 3. Corporals.



MOSCOW REMAINS BUOYANT

Battle Rages Uninterruptedly

Ground Regained In Counter-Thrusts

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AFTER NEARLY 48 HOURS OF THE MOST BITTER CLOSE QUARTER FIGHTING OF THE NINETEEN DAYS' WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND GERMANY, NOTHING HAS OCCURRED TO SHAKE MOSCOW'S ATMOSPHERE OF BUOYANT CONFIDENCE.

At the key-points of the German thrusts, Ostrov, Polotsk and Novograd-Volinsk, the Nazis have thrown in armoured units and infantry divisions to maintain a pressure permitting of no respite to the Red Army, and have put out flamboyant claims of gaps carved in the Stalin Line.

All reports confirm that the force of the Nazi drive is being kept up in complete disregard of appalling losses in men and material.

In Moscow, it is claimed that Russian counter-attacks have rolled back the Nazi troops from ground gained on the three major fronts, but it is admitted that the Germans have not abandoned their violent efforts to break through.

It is believed, however, that the situation is becoming increasingly favourable to the Soviet Union, and it may be regarded as significant that, following a talk with President Roosevelt yesterday, the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, M. Oumansky, was able to tell the Press that he had

given the President "good news" of the progress of the Russo-German fighting.

Red air fleets, meanwhile, are continuing to range far and wide over Rumania, adding to the destruction of Ploesti and other major oil centres as well as Constanza and Tulcea, on the Danube Delta, and Sulina, north of Constanza, on the Black Sea.—International News Service.

Nazi Bialystok Claims

"With the conclusion of the double battle of Bialystok and Minsk the greatest amount of war

material in world history has been captured," according to a special German High Command communique issued last night.

"A total of 323,818 prisoners, including several generals and divisional commanders," fell into our hands, and 3,332 tanks and 1,809 guns, as well as an innumerable quantity of other war material, were captured.

"Thus the total number of prisoners has been increased to over 400,000.

"Material captured or destroyed includes 7,615 tanks and 4,432 guns.

"The Soviet Air Force has up to now lost 6,233 planes."—Reuter.

Nazis Frustrated

While the latest German communique gives no details of recent fighting on the Russian front, a Soviet communique broadcast at midday yesterday gives a full account of the position on each of the various fronts.

The communique shows that all German attempts to break through to Leningrad, Moscow or Kiev are still being frustrated.

Text of the Russian communique is as follows:—

"During the day of the 9th and a night between the 9th/10th large scale fighting continued in the directions of Polotsk and Novograd-Volynsk.

"In the Ostrov direction our troops repelled all attacks by the enemy with great losses to him.

"In the Polotsk direction stubborn fighting continued, our troops carrying out resolute counter-attacks.

"In fighting in the Lepel direction our troops destroyed a motorised division of German troops, up to 40 guns and a great quantity of transport and special vehicles.

"In the direction of Borisov our units inflicted a serious defeat on one of the enemy divisions.

"In the direction of Bobruisk our troops are firmly holding occupied positions.

"In the direction of Novograd-Volynsk our troops are checking the advance of large enemy forces.

Checking Advance

"In the Bessarabian sector of the front the offensive of the enemy is meeting with strong resistance on the part of our troops.

"In other sectors of the front there were no large scale fighting operations.

"Our air force destroyed up to 100 enemy tanks during the second half of the day of the 9th and continued fighting operations against enemy troops in the direction of Ostrov and Novograd-Volynsk during the night between the 9th/10th." — British Wireless.

DE GAULLE NOW IN BRAZZAVILLE

General de Gaulle has arrived at Brazzaville, French Congo, according to Brazzaville radio. The General is broadcasting to France to-day at 8 p.m. (G.M.T.).—Reuter.

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CHIEF OF SIEMENS PASSES

The death of Carl Friedrich von Siemens, chief of the Siemens Works, at the age of 68, was announced by the official German news agency yesterday. He was the youngest son of the founder of the firm, Werner von Siemens. —Reuter.

Ukraine Scorched Earth

Fulfilling Stalin's scorched earth policy the Russians in the Ukraine are destroying as much as possible and have partly succeeded, says the correspondent of the Helsinki "Sanomat" with the German troops in the Ukraine.

The Russians are specially concentrating on rendering useless gas and water services and electric communication.

Not all grain stocks were destroyed because some were still green.

All signs point to sanguinary fighting having taken place, and German soldiers confirm reports of the Russian soldiers' bravery.

The correspondent, who was a member of a party of 10 foreign journalists who made the journey, says the Germans were surprised by the quality of the Russian armoured cars. —Reuter.

BOMBERS ROAR OVER CHANNEL

Terrific explosions shook the south coast of England from midnight to dawn as swarms of R.A.F. bombers roared over the Channel giving the German-occupied coast one of the heaviest pastings of the war.

British fighters maintained a constant patrol over the Straits of Dover in view of the excellent flying conditions for the Luftwaffe.

British bombers wrecked six ships in Cherbourg and Le Havre in a series of daylight raids in which 14 Nazi fighters were shot down. Shipping hit totals more than 30,000 tons. —International News Service.

CHINA RECALLS MINISTER

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attack Russia to remove any threat to her rear and then proceed south against the Southern Pacific.

By then, Axis influence may possibly be extended from the north of Alaska to the south of the Southern Pacific, threatening Anglo-American possessions.

The spokesman urged joint action on the part of China, the United States, Great Britain and Russia to check Japan.

He said that the transfers in the Japanese Command, in which General Itagaki is the new commander of the Korean garrison, plus the Imperial Conference, indicated that Japan was poised for an attack on Russia first, and that was why joint democratic action was necessary. —International News Service.

STOP PRESS

Eleven cases of cholera, five from Kowloon, four from rural Hong Kong and two from the New Territories, 38 cases of tuberculosis, nine of dysentery, four of enteric fever, and two each of meningitis and diphtheria, were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.

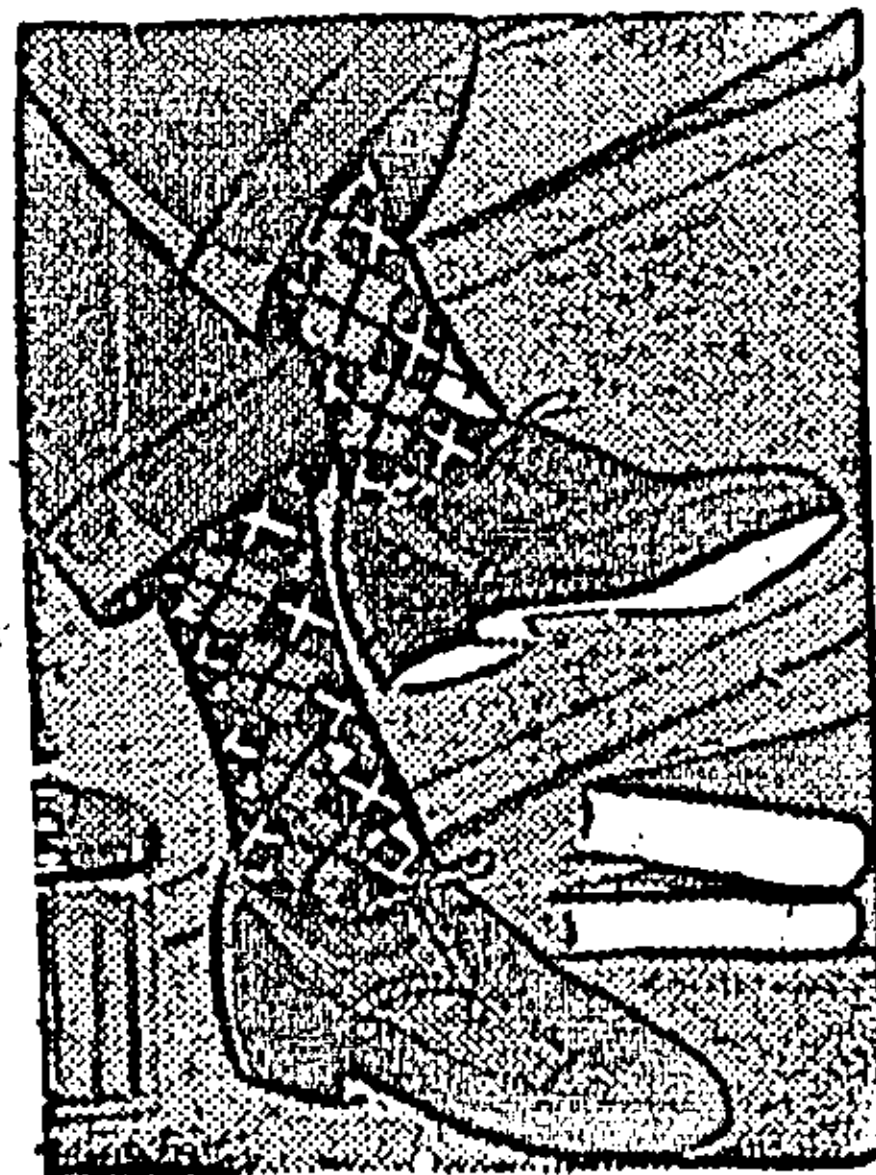
Mr. Ralph Ingersoll, Editor of the New York newspaper P.M., left Washington by plane yesterday for San Francisco on a round-the-world tour to interview Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, M. Stalin and Mr. Winston Churchill.

Mr. Ingersoll will board the Clipper for Singapore, expecting to arrive in Chungking via Rangoon on July 28. After a week's stay, Mr. Ingersoll will proceed to Moscow where he has been promised an interview with M. Stalin. From Moscow he will go to London to interview Mr. Churchill, returning to the United States in October.

Mr. Ingersoll called on President Roosevelt last Tuesday and conferred with Dr. Laughlin Currie, Administrative Assistant to President Roosevelt, regarding his tour.

Interviewed by the Central News Washington correspondent prior to his departure, Mr. Ingersoll said that since Britain has stopped the Germans at the English Channel and China has halted the Japanese in the mountainous regions in the interior, it is the United States' duty to extend immediate effective aid to both Britain and China to bring defeat to the aggressors. — Central News.

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